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LEAGUE SEEKS U. S. OPINION ON FAR EAST

China Spokesman Asks
Nations To Condemn
Japan for Invasion

(See Page 3 for earlier Details)

GENEVA—The League of Nations sought the opinion and cooperation of the United States in the China-Japan crisis when it threw into its Far Eastern Advisory Committee the demands of China's chief delegates, Dr. Wellington Koo, for League action against the aggressor.

Japan, which had long since resigned from the League, had spokesmen in Geneva who announced in advance that their government demanded a completely free hand to deal with China as it saw fit.

The United States is a member of the Far Eastern Advisory Committee, together with 22 other nations. It was formed in 1933 to attempt finding a solution for the crisis over Japan's invasion of Manchuria. Japan's adamant refusal to back down at that time resulted in nothing more than the issuance of a report.

Dr. Koo demanded on behalf of China that the nations in the League condemn the Japanese aggression and take action to assure that China can get the means to defend herself against this attack.

Dr. Juan Negrin, Spanish premier, repeated the charges that had been made before the Nyon conference by the Soviet Union; that Italy was directly responsible for "creating terror" in the Mediterranean. After its initial reluctant agreement to participate in the patrol, Italy refused all cooperation when it was assigned to patrol only its own Adriatic Coast. The Soviet Union was given the responsibility of patrolling the Black Sea and conveying its own ships through the Mediterranean.

JAPAN FORCED TO LONG WAR

Chinese Tactics Work For
Delay in Offensive

SHANGHAI—Chinese forces this week, having embarked on a policy destined to extend the war over a long drawn period, were apparently allowing the Japanese to spread their forces over as wide an area as possible.

With every move calculated to introduce as much delay as possible, the Chinese armies in the North allowed the Japanese to advance further into Shansi province and into the territory south of Peiping-Tientsin.

In the South, however, the Chinese struck back at the new concentration of war ships which is carrying the fight into the Eastern stronghold of the British Empire. Chinese headquarters reported that its planes had sunk one Japanese warship and badly damaged another.

Having been set back earlier in their naval bombardment of a Chinese center near Hongkong, the Japanese carried the fight further south by bombing the Chinese airport at Canton.

On the Shanghai front, with Chinese troops dug in behind withdrawn siege lines out of the range of the Japanese naval guns, the defenders launched a quick offensive which recaptured the town of Lotien.

Union Leaders Speak At Labor Rally and Dance, Oakland, September 18

OAKLAND—Robert Moore, president of the CIO Industrial Council, and I. P. Florey, organizer of Dining Car Cooks and Waiters Local 456, will be guest speakers on "Youth and Unionism" at the Labor Dance and Rally at Oakland Civic Auditorium Ballroom on Saturday, September 18, 8 p. m., under auspices of the Young Communist League of Alameda County. Admission is 35 cents.

DIARY OF AN AMERICAN IN SPAIN

College Slogans Decorate American Bunks in Old Fort

By ADDISON KEELER

Spain, July 12, 1937.

Well, here we are at last, quartered in an old Spanish Fort near a small town. I can't express what a relief it is for all of us to be in Spain. Paris with its exposition, museums, theaters and night life was an interesting interim but after a few days we were impatient and anxious to get at the job for which we came over. We arrived here yesterday after a hard trip and since then have been resting up.

The fort (the Spanish call it a castillo or "little castle") is of ancient construction with a moat, turrets, cannon embrasures and thick stone walls. Our barracks is a long narrow room with a domed ceiling containing accommodations for about seventy men. Each bed is provided with

The war to save democracy in Spain, first-hand account of the experiences of boys in the Lincoln Brigade, conversations between fellows you know in the trenches of the Loyalists—here they are, beginning in this issue, from the pen of Addison Keeler, San Francisco boy now fighting for Spain.

And Keeler can write. He sees with a trained eye. He reports faithfully for his diary—and for you, through your paper, the Western Worker.

Follow the Lincoln Brigade's crusade against international fascism through the eyes of Keeler in the Western Worker.

a straw mattress, pillow and two clean blankets. At one end of the room a doorway leads to the toilets, on the other to a washroom. Everything is reasonably clean and the walls freshly white-washed.

Was Fascist Fort

The dining room is underground in what perhaps formerly was a prison or storeroom. This fort, by the way, was held by the fascists at the beginning of the revolt but only for a short time. Since then it has been used for the temporary accommodation of hundreds of volunteers to the International Brigade. The walls of the staircase leading to our barracks are covered with inscriptions in many different languages. Various groups from England, America, Austria, Poland, Denmark, Italy, Holland and Germany have left their names. "Revolucionari Policy," "Schutzbund Wiert," "Partido Comunista de Columbia" are among the organizations whose names and members are inscribed here.

There are many inscriptions in German "Death to Fascism," "Heil Morkau," "Heil Ernst Thaelmann," and a huge drawing of the Vienna Schutzbund in action. The hammer and sickle appear everywhere.

A group of American students have a section of one wall devoted to an "American Students Roster." I noted State College of San Jose, Harvard, New York University, Swarthmore and others. Several students in our group added their names here. There is also an American Seamen, and a California roster to which we contributed many names.

No Complaints Yet

This is only temporary quarters from which we will move tomorrow yet there is little to complain of. The food is fair and there is plenty of it and the coffee and wine are better than in France.

The soldiers of the garrison and the civilians employed in the fort are of course very friendly and do everything to make us feel that we are welcome here. In return we organize squads to clean up quarters, peel spuds, etc. Today a group of mechanics are working to repair the shower system while we others police the streets.

Everywhere there is talk of the recent successes at the front, of the Communist commanders Lister, Galon, Camperino, of planes, guns, anti-aircraft talk and rumors. But we soon look forward to our arrival at the main training camp where more first-hand information will be available. We leave tomorrow and may stop a short time in Barcelona and Valencia.

A new batch of volunteers, mostly Poles, Czechs, Finns and Germans arrived today. One Pole who speaks French told me he had crossed five frontiers illegally in order to get to Spain. (Next: In The Training Camp)

'I COULD BE MORE USE THERE' SAYS DR. ELOESSER OF SPAIN

Famous San Francisco Surgeon to Lead Medical Unit
To Aid Spanish Fighters for Democracy

By TOM PATTERSON

"I could see they need men, and I could be more use there."

There you have the reason Dr. Leo Eloesser gave to the Western Worker for his decision to lead a West Coast medical unit to Spain. He is not one to elaborate.

Nevertheless, this leading surgeon of America, when a \$50,000 campaign has been carried out to finance it, will contribute his skill to the fight against fascism. And accompanying him, he expects to have another surgeon, two assistants, a doctor of internal medicine, a public health expert, surgical nurses, ambulance drivers and mechanics.

We reminded him that while many are sympathetic to the Spanish government, not all are willing to give up as much as he to go there in person to help.

There Are Others

"There are others," replied the doctor. "There are others indeed. Possibly it is the thought of 270 young Americans who have gone to Spain to take guns in their hands for the cause Dr. Eloesser has wholeheartedly supported from the start that leads him to talk so simple of his own expedition."

But the task now is to raise money for this expedition. Dr. Eloesser revealed that it is already coming in, although the formal campaign has not yet been launched.

Who is sending it?

Nurse Gives \$200
"Almost every day," said the surgeon, "I get letters from patients or friends, or from people who know of me only because they have heard of this trip to Spain. Some inclose money. Sometimes it is only a dollar, sometimes more."

"Probably the most significant was one from a nurse. She gave \$200 to the Spanish campaign, explaining that she had saved it take a vacation to Mexico. But when she heard of this expedition she decided that she didn't need a vacation as much as the Spanish people need help."

Dr. Eloesser's practice in San Francisco since 1910, has become distinguished, well established and highly successful. It was preceded by study abroad, in medical institutions regarded as

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DR. LEO ELOESSER

Pencil-Pushers Cabaret Looms

"Can pencil-pushers throw a real party?"

Some cynic dropped this remark in the Western Worker office a few days ago, with the result that the staff promised to hog-tie him and bring him to the Pencil-Pushers Cabaret on Saturday night, September 25, at 121 Haight street, San Francisco.

If he doesn't eat them there, harsh words after seeing the floor show that night, he'll be crowned Public Scurpuss No. 1. The staff is going to shoot the works in this cabaret and will show you the greatest time in a life time. Everybody's invited—no holds barred. Admission is 35 cents.

Mother Shields Boy Who Wants to Wed

How the Press and Courts Conspired to Separate Young Lovers

By GEORGE HITCHCOCK

(Since this story was written the court has permitted Manuel and Cecilia to marry.—Ed.)

To the mother of Manuel del Llano, 15-year-old San Francisco boy whose wish to marry the girl of his choice brought a furor of protest from both courts and newspapers this week, of publicity and legal struggle has brought nothing but sorrow.

"There's been too much talking about it," Mrs. Del Llano sadly declared to the Western Worker interviewer. "My boy has been trying to go straight and now all this talk is hurting him."

Manuel del Llano wanted to marry Cecilia Ramirez, his 15-year-old neighbor and sweetheart. Both Manuel's mother and Cecilia's father approved of

the marriage. Manuel got a job, removing the last apparent obstacle. But here the courts and press stepped in. Manuel had been in trouble with the police. Boyish pranks, an instance or two of petty theft.

Although his last brush with the police had taken place over a year and a half ago, the courts would not forget. Chief Probation Officer R. R. Miller urged Presiding Judge George J. Steiger to block the marriage and to allow Cecilia's unborn child to be born out of wedlock.

Mother Works All Night
If Manuel has fallen afoul of the law in the past, I found ample reason for his minor delinquencies. The del Llano's live on Clementina street, a little alley filled with dirt and refuse, which runs its narrow course between Folsom and Howard streets. There is no room to play, even in this secluded alley. Trucks from a manufacturing plant rumble up and down its

dirty pavement. Mrs. del Llano, from whom Manuel is expected by the law to receive his home training, is forced to work eight hours every night in a neighboring cannery. Her wages for this work come to about \$4 a day. During the day she must sleep and care for her home. She was forced to get up out of bed to answer the door when I called.

"All this trouble is keeping me from my work," she said. "There's been too much talking about my boy. He's a good boy and he's been trying to go straight."

To Live With Mother
At first naturally resentful of all newspapers she became more friendly when she discovered that the Western Worker wanted to help Manuel and Cecilia get married. She knew of no plans to force the courts to allow the marriage, however. She had assumed that if their parents consented that would be all that

was needed. Manuel has been offered a job in an orchestra as a mandolin player. Both he and Cecilia are seniors in high school and plan, if their marriage is permitted, to live with Mrs. del Llano on Clementina alley.

Mrs. del Llano is a short, black-haired woman with brown, wistful eyes. She speaks in a soft, weary voice and is naturally very reticent about discussing her sons much publicized case.

Her resentment was most strongly directed against those newspapers, unsympathetic in their accounts, which are using Manuel and Cecilia's love to provide "sensational" stories. She feels, and I could not help but feel it with her, that such sensational and distorted publicity can do far more to wreck Manuel and Cecilia's lives than a quiet marriage unattended by newshawks and batteries of flashlight cameras.

ATTENTION All Party Members

Members!
To date the State-wide ballot on the Days Wages donation to the Daily Western Worker Financial Drive shows a return of 83% in favor of the measure and 17% against. On the basis of this partial return, it is evident that the measure will carry by a heavy majority when the vote is completed.

Not later than October 1st, every Unit and Branch of the Party in every County must have voted and reported the result to the State Drive Committee.

The Day's Wages question is one of the most vital in the Financial Campaign and must be completed at once. If you have not yet voted in your Unit or Branch, take this question up at the next meeting and put the vote through. All returns should be sent immediately to the State Executive Committee, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco.

"JAPAN JAILS FULL"—LLOYD

Seamen Stuck to Posts As
Bombs Fell on Ship

By HARRY BARTON

"Conscientious objectors are filling the jails in Kobe, Japan," declared a seaman off the President Hoover, bomb-scarred ship, that crawled into San Francisco from the Orient this week. Seaman E. Lloyd ought to know, having been forced to stand up while in the clink there.

Lloyd was taken onto the crew of the President Hoover to replace Lionel Haskell, killed during the bombing near Shanghai. He was jailed when left behind by the President.

Japanese able to speak a few words of English told him the war was very unpopular in Japan. Many soldiers now in China fighting in the ranks of the Japanese army are there against their will.

People Choose Jail

Japan is under what amounts to military law. Resistance to conscription or to the extraordinary war taxes brings quick reprisals from the military police.

Other members of the crew of the President Hoover gave vivid pictures of the bombing of the big passenger boat. Members of the black gang had a few bad moments during the bombing. Eight boilers were up to full steam at the time the "eggs" started to "hatch."

Men Want Bonuses

Nearly every bunk house on the port side was pierced by shrapnel. I found three men in bunks in the oiler's bunk house. I asked them what they thought of extra bonuses for trips through the war zones.

One oiler turned his head and squinted at the jagged hole in the bunk next to his ear and said, "you are blankety-blank right we should get bonuses. I got out of this bunk five minutes before the bombing started. Otherwise I'd sleep and care for her home. She was forced to get up out of bed to answer the door when I called."

HITS VANDELEUR RULE; MARINE FIREMEN OUST SECRETARY FERGUSON

Ferguson Bounced
for Packing S. F.
Meeting

BLOW AT BECK
Seamen's Action
Thwarts Plot to
Knife Dockers

DUE ON COAST

S. F. Council Head
Joins Kidwell
and Others

TO PUSH FIGHT
Will Take Cause
of Labor Unity
to Membership



JOHN BROPHY

John Brophy, CIO director, expected here this week to drive for labor unity in West

MOONEY WINS SENATE QUIZ

Many Groups Press Move
To Secure Pardon

SAN FRANCISCO—"A great victory in the fight for Tom Mooney's freedom," was the comment of the Mooney Defense Committee in this city on the announcement in Washington that Senate hearings have been set on a resolution to memorialize Governor Merriam to pardon Mooney.

The announcement was made last Tuesday by Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney of Wyoming, chairman of the Senate Judiciary sub-committee appointed to conduct the hearing. He set the hearing date as Dec. 15.

Thousands Demand Pardon

Spokesmen of the Mooney Committee said that the hearing was a result of the efforts expended on Mooney's behalf by hundreds of organizations throughout the country. They pointed out that it was the first time in history that a resolution was introduced in Congress calling upon that body to memorialize a state official.

The probable list of witnesses as tentatively announced will include Judge Franklin A. Griffin, presiding judge at the trial in which Mooney and Warren K. Billings were convicted of placing the bomb which resulted in killing 10 and injuring 40 people during the Preparedness Day parade in San Francisco, July 22, 1916; George T. Davis and Frank P. Walsh, counsel for Mooney; Professor Zechariah Chaffee of the Harvard Law School and Walter Pollak, legal experts who prepared the report on the Mooney case for the Wickersham Commission; Robert Minor, organizer of the first Mooney Defense Committee; John B. Densmore, former U. S. Labor Department investigator appointed by President Woodrow Wilson to investigate the case; Prof. Felix Frankfurter of the Harvard Law School, member of the Mooney Case Investigating Commission appointed by President Wilson; Edward Nolan and Israel Weinberg, defendants originally held on the same charges for which Mooney and Billings were convicted; Gardner Jackson, who was instrumental in getting the legal experts of the Wickersham Commission to prepare the report, and John Jenkins, who will introduce new evidence found in hitherto unpublished documents of the German Claims Commission.

Rites for Bomb Victim

Surrounded by brother unionists, the body of Lionel Haskell, victim of the Hoover bombing, was taken to its last resting place Tuesday morning. Among many floral pieces laid at the grave was one from C. C. Huang, Chinese Consul in San Francisco.

C. P. TO MARK ANNIVERSARY

Celebrations on Sunday in
San Francisco and L. A.

SAN FRANCISCO—Colonial days will be recalled by means of pageant and discussion at a program commemorating the 18th anniversary of the Communist Party Sunday night, Sept. 19, at 121 Haight St. The meeting will be addressed by Olea O'Connor, the county educational director whose subject will be "The Constitution of the U.S.A."

A skit dealing with the history of the Communist Party, written by Mike Quinn and Helen Cross, will be presented on the stage.

Los Angeles Fete to Honor Constitution

LOS ANGELES—A Communist Party speaker will share the platform with representatives of the Daughters of the American Revolution and of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at a Communist Party mass meeting here Sunday night, 8 p. m., in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the American constitution.

The meeting will be held at the Music Arts Auditorium, 233 S. Broadway. Albert Lewis, organizer of the industrial section of the Party, will be the main speaker.

Roosevelt Impedes Arms Shipment to Defending Chinese

FORBIDS U. S. OWNED BOATS FROM TRADING

Protection Withdrawn From Arms Shipping To China, Japan

(See Editorial, Page 4)
WASHINGTON—Government owned vessels were prohibited by a presidential order here from transporting arms and ammunition to China or Japan, and all American flag ships were warned that they could do so only at their own risk.

The proclamation stopped short of invoking the neutrality act, but the full effect of this legislation was applied as far as it was possible for President Roosevelt to do so in his capacity as commander-in-chief of the army and navy.

Stops China Shipment
Bearing out the chief "neutrality" in effect helps the aggressor nation against the one invaded, the presidential order came as the government owned freighter Wichita, under lease, was en route to China with a cargo of planes. Scheduled for a refueling stop in San Pedro, it was in danger of being stopped under the order.

President Roosevelt's statement, issued after a cabinet meeting and a conference with Secretary of State Cordell Hull and Chairman Joseph B. Kennedy of the Maritime Commission, said:

"Merchant vessels owned by the government of the United States will not hereafter be permitted to transport to China or Japan any of the arms, ammunition, or implements of war which were listed in the President's proclamation of May 1, 1937.

"At Own Risk"
"Any other merchant vessels, flying the American flag, which attempt to transport any of the listed articles to China or Japan, will, until further notice, do so at their own risk."

"The question of applying the neutrality act remains in status quo, the government policy remaining on a 24-hour basis."

OLIVER IN PRAISE OF DETROIT LABOR DRIVE FOR OFFICE

DETROIT—"You are sounding a signal that will end the sabotage practiced by congress on the promises made to the voters in the 1936 campaign," Executive Vice-President E. L. Oliver of Labor's Non-Partisan League told a conference of Detroit labor campaign workers.

Adequate housing and a new deal in the police department have been made the two principal issues of the campaign. Labor's mayoralty candidate, Judge Patrick H. O'Brien, promised that one of his first acts in office would be to fire Police Commissioner Heinrich Pickert, suggesting that any one of a number of experienced picket captains would be a logical successor.

Pickert, aside from sponsoring well-known brutality against strikers, recently decreed that the Spanish aid film, "Heart of Spain," could not be shown in Detroit because of its uncomplimentary references to Hitler and Mussolini. Nazi Consul Fritz Hailer told the press he had confidence that the police would handle the matter satisfactorily.

When the Medical Bureau to Aid Spanish Democracy went to court, assured that the law provided only for censorship of indecency or immorality, the commissioner backed down and the film was shown.

Machine Delegates Dominate Painters

BUFFALO, N. Y.—Dominated by machine delegates, representing a majority of locals but a minority of members, the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators & Paperhangers convention concluded here with passing a resolution charging the CIO with "wishing to destroy the American Federation of Labor."

C. P. Women In Los Angeles to Meet On Oct. 10

LOS ANGELES—All women members of the Communist Party in Los Angeles County are called to a special membership meeting Sunday, Oct. 10, at 2 p. m., at 546½ S. Spring street.

The meeting was called by the county committee to form a women's commission and to outline its scope and purpose. Moving toward this end, the Party formed a special women's class in the Workers' School several weeks ago.

SCOTTSBORO RULING WINS RIGHTS FOR NEGROES IN NORTH CAROLINA

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—Civil rights belonging to Negroes under the U. S. Constitution but never before granted them in the South are now being yielded in North Carolina. This is a direct result of the Scottsboro case. Throughout this state Negroes are currently being drawn for jury panels and actual jury service.

For the first time since Reconstruction days a Negro is serving on a McDowell county superior court jury at Marion. A number of Negro names had been placed in the jury box after Judge J. H. Clement directed McDowell commissioners to do so. This action, it is admitted, was taken because of last year's ruling in the Scottsboro case by the U. S. Supreme Court, which requires names of eligible Negroes to be placed on the jury rolls.

In May of this year a Negro served on a jury in Gastonia, sitting on 15 divorce cases in a two-week civil court term. This was the first time a Negro ever saw jury service in Gaston county.

In Charlotte, largest city of the Carolinas, two Negro jurors have just been chosen to serve at seven weeks of Macklenburg county superior court.

HAYWOOD PATTERSON PUT ON CHAIN GANG; APPEAL FILED

Forced to Work in Swamp In Spite of Operation for Infected Leg

NEW YORK—Haywood Patterson, Scottsboro defendant for whom a new appeal has just been filed with the United States Supreme Court, has been put on a chain gang in a Southern Alabama swamp land in spite of an operation less than a month ago for a chronic infection in the left leg.

Recalling that threats have already been made against Patterson's life in Kilby Prison, the National Scottsboro committee added a public protest to the legal action it is already taking in his behalf.

Appeals for Protest
President Vito Marcantonio of the International Labor Defense issued a statement which said:

"This obvious attempt on the part of the Alabama authorities to do away with Haywood Patterson while his case is pending for the third time before the Supreme Court of the United States where he was twice saved from the electric chair, is entirely in line with their actions in the Scottsboro case to date.

"His health, according to the reports of the Kilby Prison physicians, is in a very serious condition. The infection in his knee is chronic. Sending him to a chain gang, and particularly to one where only two years ago another political prisoner was killed while serving his sentence, is a clear indication of what the authorities have in mind."

LOBBY SEEKS AFFILIATION TO L. N. P. L. PROGRESSIVES OF COLORADO CAMPAIGNING

Officers Instructed to Confer With E. L. Oliver on His West Coast Visit

SAN FRANCISCO—The California People's Legislative Conference will join its forces with Labor's Non-Partisan League under whatever arrangement can best serve to accomplish the similar purposes of both organizations, it was learned here following the state executive board meeting of the Conference in Fresno.

Officers of the Legislative Conference were given power to act and instructed to confer with E. L. Oliver, executive vice president of the Non-Partisan League, on the latter's arrival here within a week.

The Santa Maria convention of the Conference had earlier passed a resolution announcing a desire to affiliate with the League and instructing the officers to negotiate to that end. At Fresno these officers were supplemented by an additional five members of the executive committee to meet with Oliver on his arrival in San Francisco.

Oliver recently addressed a conference of labor unions in Detroit, encouraging their strong campaign to elect a mayor and five councilman candidates. He is on a nation-wide tour, conferring with representatives of labor and farm organizations, accepting new affiliations with the League and cementing the League's relationship with already existing progressive political organizations.

Conference Will Act On War Bonus

WASHINGTON—After demands by the National Maritime Union, the Federal Maritime Commission has called a conference between ship operators and maritime union leaders to consider the question of war bonuses when sailing into Far Eastern or other danger zones. The conference will be held here September 22.

The NMU has demanded bonuses of \$250 for seamen aboard vessels sailing to war zones.

NAT'L NEGRO CONGRESS TO MEET OCT. 15

Head of Tuskegee School Will be Among Speakers In Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA—President Frederick D. Patterson, successor to Booker T. Washington and Robert R. Moton as president of Tuskegee Institute, will be among the speakers when the third convention of the National Negro Congress meets here Oct. 15 to 17.

This announcement was made by National Secretary John P. Davis as preparations for the three-day convention were being worked out in conjunction with a group of prominent Philadelphia citizens for the three-day convention.

Davis said that three special commemorative exercises will be held during the three days.

Honor John Brown

The convention will open by participation in the city of Philadelphia's celebration of the 150th anniversary of the constitution. A central feature of the second day's program will be a fitting observation of the 78th anniversary of John Brown's historic raid on Harper's Ferry.

The third day will feature a commemorative service for Richard Allen, founder of the African Methodist Church.

The citizens' committee cooperating in the preparations for the Congress Attorney Raymond Pace Alexander, John L. Lomas, president of the Philadelphia local of the National Alliance of Postal Employees and other Negro leaders.

Youth Delegates
Directors of the congress youth committee announced that they expected between 500 and 1000 young people as delegates to the convention.

The West Philadelphia Civic League and the City-wide Young People's Forum are both cooperating in this phase of the arrangements.

Aside from Dr. Patterson, who will speak on "The Negro and Land Ownership," some of the outstanding speakers already scheduled in the Congress are: Lt. Gov. Thomas J. Kennedy of Pennsylvania; A. Philip Randolph, president of the City-wide Negro Congress and the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters; S. David Wilson, mayor of Philadelphia; the Rev. Marshall L. Shepard, Negro member of the Pennsylvania legislature, and Max Yergan, director of the International Committee on African affairs.

"Three of the boys, Andy Wright, Charlie Weems and Ozie Powell, all of whom are sick, are still in Kilby Prison facing the same fate as Haywood Patterson. They too must be transferred back to the county jail in Birmingham pending the appeal in their cases."

"Alabama must be shown that the fight for the lives and freedom of the remaining five Scottsboro Boys has just begun. And only mass pressure of the most vigorous kind can show them."

Soviet Young Men Rushing to Enlist In Red Army

MOSCOW—A rush of stalwart young men, just out of their teens, greeted the annual enlistment program of the Red Army. Every enlistment station was crowded with those anxious to join the front line of Soviet defenders.

Enlistments and examinations during the first ten days reflected the steady improvements in the general standard of living. Out of every 100 prospective recruits, five more were found eligible than during the 1936 enlistment period. A high percentage of the new recruits are members of the Young Communist League.

Thirty-two per cent of all those called for enlistment have high school or college educations.

Nazi Warships Ailing

KIEL, Germany—There is more to the building of a big German navy than just appropriating money. The German pocket battleship Gneisenau, after being launched recently, had to be put into dry dock again because of a sub-committee for investigation. This committee reported back that its investigations revealed labor had played a dominant part in the deliberations of the congress, that it was wholly democratic and progressive in character.

FIGURES SHOW UNIONISM PAYS IN CASH

But Living Standards Still Below 1929

WASHINGTON—Unionism pays—The U. S. Department of Commerce showed here as it made public estimates of the national income for 1937.

This year's national income is expected to total 70 billion dollars with workers getting the largest share on record. Check of the distribution of the national income was begun in 1929. Last year workers received 65.5 per cent of the national income, according to the department.

Officials expected workers this year to receive more because of the increased pay envelopes won by workers in steel and automobile industries. They estimated that the average per capita income to all employees will exceed \$1300, compared with \$1244 last year and \$1450 in 1929.

Investors raked off four and one-half billions in dividends last year and are expected to get as much this year. In 1936, 5.4 per cent of the total national income went to investors and in 1937 the percentage figure may be slightly smaller, it was said.

That living standards are still far below 1929 levels was shown when it was pointed out that national income is still 13 per cent less than in that year and even were the dollar totals to be equal living standards would be lower because of the increased population.

Yanks Fighting for Spanish Democracy



AT HOME these boys may or may not be democrats, but they and the other members of the Washington and Lincoln Battalions are fighting a genuine war to "save democracy." Their devotion to the cause of liberty is reflected in the recent reverses of Franco and the growing dilemma of Hitler and Mussolini.

MALNUTRITION OF WORKERS NOT LIMITED TO DEPRESSION AREAS, SURVEY REVEALS

WASHINGTON—"Large numbers of workers not only in impoverished or depressed areas but even in the most advanced industrial countries are inadequately nourished," and that this condition "is not just a depression phenomenon. It is found among many employed workers in times of normal business activity."

This was the first conclusion of the International Labor Office here with publication of a book on facts and figures relating to the nourishment of industrial workers and their ability to purchase foodstuffs. The work is entitled "Workers Nutrition and Social Policy."

The second conclusion is that "the main ground for inadequate nutrition is not so much the ineffective use of existing incomes as the insufficiency of the incomes themselves, however wisely spent."

Plentiful Available
It is pointed out by the ILO in its study that, although many workers do not receive an adequate diet, technically, agriculture in major countries is in a position to meet the requirements for foodstuffs for an adequate diet. Putting the potentialities into practice is the economic problem facing nations."

Figures comparing the consumption of certain basic foods by workers in Detroit with workers in other nations during the 1927 to 1929 period are published. Detroit, it was noted, is a relatively well paid industrial city when compared with other industrial cities in this country.

US Surpassed Abroad
In flour equivalents workers in Detroit consumed 100 units as compared with 150 units in Belgium and 162 units in Poland. Detroit workers consumed 100 units of meat and fish compared with 151 units in Norway, 105 units in Belgium and 112 units in Sweden.

Detroit workers led only in the consumption of eggs and fresh fruits while workers in Sweden, Norway and Belgium had more margarine and butter, potatoes and milk and cheese, as well as flour equivalents and meat and fish.

Supporting the meeting are the Industrial Union Council, the Painters' District Council and the United Automobile Workers of America.

Eight Filipino Strike Leaders Framed in Hawaii

HONOLULU, T. H.—The determination of the "Big Five" sugar planters to crush union organization among the plantation workers, was shown here on Wednesday, September 8, when eight Filipino strike leaders from Maui were convicted of "conspiracy in the third degree."

They were accused of hog-tying Anastacio Manangan, scab. The jury deliberated two hours, then returned its verdict.

The sentence of four months in prison was suspended, on recommendation of the prosecutor, Grover Johnson, International Labor Defense Attorney, accepted the suspension for his six defendants. Florentino Cabe, strike secretary defending himself, accepted the suspension.

Antonio Fagel, strike leader also defending himself, refused the suspension and was sentenced to four months and to pay \$1 fine.

MASS MEETING WILL LAUNCH CAMPAIGN AGAINST NEW S. F. THREAT OF ANTI-PICKET ACT

Conference of Trade Unions Called to Secure Wide Participation at Scottish Rite Sept. 29

SAN FRANCISCO—A mass meeting under trade union auspices, to arouse public vigilance against the proposed new anti-picketing ordinance, will be held Wednesday evening, September 29, at Scottish Rite Auditorium.

The campaign was initiated by the Honest Government Committee, but will be divorced from the remainder of the Honest Government campaign in order to secure the fullest possible participation of trade unions, irrespective of other issues.

In preparation for the meeting, a conference of all interested trade unions has been called a week earlier, Sept. 22, 8 p. m., at 145 Turk Street.

The anti-picketing campaign, and its separation from the remaining issues on the Honest Government program, was decided upon at the last full conference. The mass meeting itself, and the conference a week earlier, were arranged by the campaign committee Tuesday night.

Although the Honest Government Committee has completed the draft of its seven-point platform of civic reform and support for the rights of labor, it has postponed announcement of its candidates until the next general conference.

Although many prospective candidates have been interviewed by the officers who constitute the candidates interviewing committee, all of the recommendations of this committee will be submitted to all the delegates for final ratification.

Student Paper At U. of C. Attacks Military Training

BERKELEY—Reopening a campaign to abolish compulsory military training, the Daily Californian, student newspaper at the University of California, branded the university regents as reactionary.

The paper had earlier pointed out this refusal to give any recognition to a student vote which overwhelmingly favored the abolition of compulsory military training.

"Because of the very principles for which it stands," wrote William Murrish, editor, "our university should oppose militarism in education and as one step in this opposition, should make ROTC optional."

Caravan of Democracy

Committee members such as Franchot Tene, Fredrick March, Louis Rainer, Nancy Carroll, Lewis Milestone, Lionel Stander, Humphrey Cobb, Fred Keating and Donald Ogden Stewart, are sponsoring the organization of similar local units throughout the itinerary of the Caravan of Democracy.

Miss Sona Dahl, secretary of the Motion Picture Artists' Committee, stated that the Hollywood office located at 6912 Hollywood Boulevard, will assist in the formation of local branches.

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Charge AFL Organizer With Threatening Violence in Fields

CHINA INSISTS ON LEAGUE AID AGAINST JAPAN

Wellington Koo Calls For Action Under Terms Of Covenant

GENEVA—Placing the insistence of China for enforcement of League of Nations statutes squarely before the assembled representatives of leading nations, Dr. Wellington Koo warned that Japan's plans of conquest include the expulsion of the United States and European countries from the entire Far East.

Dr. Koo, chief Chinese delegate to the League Council, asserted additionally that a Japan in control of China's vast resources and man power would challenge every other power in its economic penetration of South America.

Asks Enforcement

He demanded action against China under Articles X, XI and XVII of the League covenant. Under these the League signatories pledge to preserve the territorial integrity and political independence of League members, to recognize a threat of war as a matter of general concern and to act accordingly and to invite non-member nations (such as Japan) to participate in discussions regarding them.

The least the League should do, said Dr. Koo, is to:

1. Denounce Japanese aggression.
2. Renounce Japan's blockade of the China Coast.
3. Condemn the bombing of non-combatants by Japanese war planes.

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Grand October Revolution Celebration, Sat., Nov. 6, Dreamland Aud. Clarence Hathaway, editor Daily Worker, main speaker.

Thanksgiving Party and Dance, Wednesday, Nov. 24, 8 p. m., 121 Haight St. By S. F. Industrial Section.

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Mass meeting fighting Flaherty Brothers, Lincoln Brigade, Wed., Oct. 6, Irish-American Hall, 458 Valencia St. Ausp. Friends of Lincoln Brigade.

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Reserve Sunday, Sept. 26th, Fall Picnic, I.L.D., Montebello Stadium.

Whoopie! Keep this date open. Oct. 3. Press Fair and Carnival, Verdugo Country Club.

Hear three Flaherty Brothers, Veterans of the Lincoln Battalion, Philharmonic Auditorium, Wed., Oct. 13, 8:15 p. m.

Greetings Spanish Children in the Soviet Union



MOSCOW PIONEERS greet Spanish refugee children on their return from a summer in the Crimea. As soon as school starts, the young guests will study in a Moscow school.

Loyalist Belchite Victory Tremendous Unity Spur

Government's Forces Needed No Lesson in Bravery, But Victory in Aragon Proved Ability at Strategy

By JOSEPH NORTH

VALENCIA, Spain—When one returns from the Aragon front to Spain's seething political center in Valencia, the magnitude of the Belchite victory is immediately made clear. It has played an immeasurable part in the titanic striving for unity.

The military victories gain more than terrain and cannon speak with political authority. The capture of Belchite not only plays a silent but significant role in the considerations

of the League of Nations at Geneva. It has wielded a big influence behind the lines in the rear, where Franco's "Fifth Column" hopes to trade on any possible rift in the People's Front.

Significant Victory
The victory at Belchite forced many a saboteur and secret fascist agent hurriedly to draw in his horns.

The capture of Belchite has proved the most significant military event since the war began. People on the crowded streets of Valencia keep talking of its meaning while they discuss the League of Nations session, Mussolini's piracy on the Mediterranean, the Soviet Union's strong stand and the question of high prices in the market place. Guadalupe, where the Italian

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CIO ORGANIZER RAPS PROGRAM OF FRED WEST

Marcella Ryan Points Out CIO Cooperation With Small Farmers

(Union Press Release)
SAN FRANCISCO—Threats to growers that gangster attacks would be used to back a fight to force farm workers into dual field unions chartered by the AFL were made through the press by Fred West, AFL farm organizer for California, in connection with the State Federation of Labor convention, according to Marcella Ryan, state secretary of the CIO United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing and Allied Workers of America, District 2, which includes California.

Violence Threatened
"West, who is a delegate from the Window Cleaners Union in San Francisco, has allied with him as AFL agricultural organizers Joseph McManus, S. T. Dixon and Howard Reed, all officials of the Teamsters Union," said Miss Ryan.

"In initiating and setting up the AFL Cannery Workers Union in Santa Clara County (No. 2062), McManus openly advocated the use of clubs and knives against cannery workers who favored the CIO."

"This is just a hint of what may be expected if the Teamster support, which West counts on to swing farm workers away from the CIO, gets into action."

In newspaper reports from Long Beach, West said teamsters could stop deliveries of fruits and vegetables from the valleys. "Evidently," said Miss Ryan, "the small growers are to be coerced, along with their workers, into signing agreements with the AFL under threat of letting their produce rot on the trees or in the ground."

CIO Aids Farmers
"The CIO, on the other hand, has established a national policy of cooperation with working farmers as individuals or through their organizations."

"At our recent convention we voted to cooperate with the small grower in every way possible for lower interest rates, mortgage relief, government loans, lower water rates, compensation where farmers must destroy tubercular cattle."

"Our policy is diametrically opposed to that of Mr. West. Recognizing the mutual interests of growers and workers it is our aim to agree on a satisfactory wage scale for rotating crops and to provide steady workers and a guaranteed harvest in as many localities as possible."

The United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing and Allied Workers of America is already a national organization. State organizations are already functioning. Unions affiliated to this national body, which is now CIO were represented by delegates at the last AFL convention, where they petitioned for a national charter and were rejected.

"Now," said Miss Ryan, "when we have gone ahead and organized nationally and by states, the AFL threatened to set up a dual union with a policy of drawing working farmers into jurisdictional warfare, such as the Teamster officials are carrying on along the waterfront, and with the same beef squad methods of coercion and violence. We do not think the working farmers will fall for that sort of organization."

cross of barbed wire, you enter the town. Finally, with the fascist guns poked out of the belfry of the two big cathedrals, out of the windows of homes, from behind corners, you hear along from the Farmacia to the bakery to the city square, battle for every house against deadly snipers.

It rains bullets. But the fascists retreat house by house through holes they knocked in the walls. They hide in underground retreats.

When you think you have got them out of the building, they hide behind the pipe organ in the cathedral and hurl grenades over the troops. But your troops go doggedly on, advancing from all sides, some dropping, perhaps forever. But nothing halts the advance and finally the town is yours. The narrow streets are piled high with plaster, chairs, baby carriages, tables, dead men, dead burros, dead goats.

Loyalist Relief Arrives in Spain

Fascist "Relief Committee" Pays Out Funds as Salary and Expense

Money raised for Loyalist Spain by the recognized organizations for that purpose actually gets to Spain, and with a minimum of administrative expense.

Money raised by the fascist-supporting "American Committee for Spanish Relief" to date has been spent only for high-powered salaries and "expenses."

Expense statements recently issued by three nation wide groups aiding Spain showed an average administrative expense of less than 20 per cent and at the same time belied the impression given by the American state department which lumped both Loyalist and fascist-supporting groups together and did not contain a full accounting.

State Dept. Misleads
The state department issued figures of all those licensed to collect funds or other materials. They included only the time since the recent law went into effect on May 1. They showed only the amount of money actually sent to Spain, not taking into account the money spent in this country for ambulances, cigarettes, candy, medical supplies and other material purchased in this country and shipped to Spain.

A statement issued in San Francisco by Felice Clark, secretary of the San Francisco body of the Medical Bureau to Aid Spanish Democracy, showed that nationally from October 1, 1936 to June 30, 1937, \$139,712.68 had been collected and that the administrative and general expense (including publicity, rent, wages, stationery, telephone, postage, meeting halls, machine rentals, fares, auditing, traveling, etc.), amounts to \$22,902.78. Under disbursements is an item marked relief, \$105,903.24, which covers supplies, ambulances, personnel sent direct to Spain in support of the six hospitals on Spanish soil, which the Medical Bureau to Aid Spanish Democracy in this country raises funds for. There is also shown a balance on hand of \$9543.90, which has by now been sent to Spain. This shows . . . approximately 16 per cent overhead expenses.

"Likewise the certified accountant's report for the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy shows for the period October 20, 1936, to April 30, 1937, receipts of \$125,649.82, disbursements of \$116,161.84, including \$87,310 sent direct to Spain in food, clothing, etc., and balance on hand in bank \$9487.98."

"Friends" Ship 20 Tons
The Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, which last week shipped 20 tons of cigarettes, chocolates and canned goods for the 2,700 American boys fighting in Spain, revealed in a statement issued in New York that they had collected \$52,593.46 between April 20, 1937, and August 30, 1937. It has already sent \$21,154.59 in cash and \$13,000 in packages to Spain. It has a cash balance of \$21,113.70 in the bank. \$3,255.93 has been spent for administration and \$6,979.24 for campaign and publicity expenses.

Lumping of the fascist American Committee for Spanish Relief with the pro-Loyalist groups was condemned by the Friends of the Lincoln Battalion as "an attempt to hinder the work which we are doing to help end the war being waged on the Spanish people by Hitler and Mussolini. The American fascist committee hasn't sent a penny to Spain. The money it raised under false pretenses was spent on high-powered salaries."

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FRENCH BOMB OUTRAGE LAID TO FASCISTS

People's Front Papers Charge Explosions are Provocateurs' Work

PARIS—The people of France were warned by the press of the People's Front that two terrific bombs which shook the Etoile section of Paris Sept. 11 were caused by Hitler agents in an attempt to create dissension in France.

The explosions badly damaged the head offices of two employer's organizations, the General Employers' Confederation of France and the Metal Trades Association. Two policemen were killed.

L'Humanite, organ of the Communist Party, placed responsibility on the French fascist, leagued with the Nazis.

New Provocation
It charged that the purpose was that of provocation against the progressive forces and to weaken France as a force of peace. "This is not the first provocation," wrote L'Humanite editorially, "but experience has taught us to remain cool."

The paper then recalled the accusation of General Goering against George Dimitrov in the firing of the German Reichstag and also the accusation of former Premier Tardieu that the assassin of President Doumer was a Communist. The assassin was actually a notorious fascist.

Predicted by Employers
Pointing out that the employers press has for days been predicting disorders, the Communist paper declared that this provocation was connected with the forthcoming local elections where an overwhelming People's Front victory is expected.

"It has been rumored," the paper wrote, "that the elections would not go off without some blow to upset the country and arouse the anger of the rural population against the Paris proletariat."

L'Ouvre, leading newspaper of the Radical Socialist Party, took a similar attitude, asking "Who could believe in such circumstances that sabotage and terrorism could serve the interests of the working class?"

"Labor extremists" were accused by many of the reactionary papers, although others scouted this theory as patently false. Ce Soir, organ of the People's Front itself, offered a reward of \$800 for information leading to the arrest of the criminals responsible.

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Whitewash Over Long Beach

J. W. BUZZELL and the gang running the Teamsters' Union have bludgeoned the State Federation of Labor into going on record as legalizing the use of gangster methods in the unions.

That's the only meaning that can be attached to their motion to table any condemnation of the gangster assault upon John F. Shelley and their blocking of any investigation of the incident.

They succeeded in erasing from the convention records any reference to the slugging. But the scars on Shelley's head remain. The scars on organized labor's conscience remain. Those things they cannot erase. Their crime against the labor movement cannot be whitewashed!

If there are those who still doubt who is guilty let them read the words of John P. McLaughlin, Teamsters' Union czar in San Francisco. He said:

"I'm damn sorry it happened. I can't understand the assault on Jack Shelley. Of course the feeling against CIO is tense. The Southern California delegates were so burned up it was hard to tell what might happen. There had been a lot of feeling Shelley had not been firm enough in combatting CIO."

The only motive for the attack McLaughlin could find was that "Shelley had not been firm enough in combatting CIO."

Who wants a firmer policy? John P. McLaughlin and the rest of the "fight to the finish" gang.

The State Federation machine would not protest. The labor movement will! The machine will not act. The rank and file will!

It will not stand for the legalizing of gangsterism. Demand an investigation of the slugging and the bringing to justice of the guilty one. Drive those who use and shield gangsters out of the labor movement!

They Won't Forget California's Shame

THE twenty-one year old fight for Tom Mooney's freedom entered another phase this week.

Senator O'Mahoney set December 15 as the opening date for a hearing by a Senate judiciary sub-committee on a resolution asking the Senate to memorialize Governor Merriam to pardon Mooney.

Those tireless lovers of liberty who have stood by Mooney these many long years must have greeted the news with renewed faith in the ultimate victory of their battle for justice.

Renewed faith and renewed vigor. The news should serve as a signal to prepare for the mightiest campaign labor and its friends have yet staged to impress upon the Senate the fact that the people demand the passage of that resolution.

While prospects for the 1938 state elections are under discussion, Senator O'Mahoney's announcement is a timely reminder that no candidate can be regarded favorably by labor and freedom loving people unless he is definitely pledged to wipe out California's shame.

President Roosevelt Has Aided Japan and Hindered China

CHARACTERISTICALLY, the first application of the principles of so-called neutrality in the China-Japan conflict has the immediate effect of endangering a shipment of planes to the nation defending itself against one of the world's most notorious aggressors.

It harms China, which has not one ship capable of crossing the Pacific to help the Chinese defend themselves against one of the most shameless acts of aggression yet undertaken.

It won the praise of Japan, whose merchant fleet can carry all the U. S. planes and scrap iron it wants, without let or hindrance. The Japanese newspaper Asahi editorially praised President Roosevelt's move, declaring that it would have no effect on Japan, but would be fatal to China.

Neutrality!

Not by the longest stretch of the imagination is this neutrality!

Japan's huge merchant fleet plies regularly to Pacific Coast ports. It is free to haul any and all of the proscribed war materials. China must depend on the merchant fleets of other nations. Now the action of the President of the United States curtails its possibility of doing so.

It is true that Roosevelt did not apply the

Neutrality Act itself. But without invoking the act he has put into effect a part of its vicious provisions by his authority as head of the army and navy.

Who profits by it?
Certainly not the United States, which itself is seriously threatened by Japan. Certainly not the United States when every encouragement given to Japan's aggression only draws the United States nearer to war.

Only the Japanese imperialists are aided by this action of President Roosevelt, and any aid to the Japanese imperialists is a blow to the independence of China and to the peace of the United States and of the world.

The state department must be flooded with protests over this flagrant assistance to Japan. Not only must this decree be reversed, but both the State Department and White House must be flooded with demands for action against the aggressor. The Nine-Power Treaty and the Kellogg-Briand Peace Pact must be invoked by action on the part of the United States refusing any direct or indirect aid to Japan and giving China the full opportunity to obtain means of defending itself.

Let the Chinese-Soviet Pact of Non-Aggression be the example for the United States.

Let aggression be hindered, not assisted.

Decline and Fall of National Oppression

WELL MAY America's millions of national minority peoples rejoice at the historic process which now is transforming the world's political structure.

The earth is being reshaped before their very eyes.

Clashes in Palestine and Harlem, uprisings in South Africa and the Philippines, unrest throughout India and all Latin America, and now the heroic unification of the Chinese people against Japanese imperialists — all these seemingly isolated events spell doom for the handful of monopolist blocs that seized control of the governmental machinery of eight national states and converted them into powerful instruments for enslaving and exploiting the weaker peoples of the earth.

In this knowledge is comfort and encouragement for our own national minorities.

In the experience of other subject-peoples are lessons for millions of Negro, Indian, Mexican, Filipino, and foreign-born peoples whose lives and liberties are crushed by the wheel that grinds out profits for Wall Street.

But who will give this comfort and explain these lessons?

Who will say to millions of Americans that these are the days of reckoning for oppressors everywhere? That this is the epoch some Marxist Gibbon, in a chronicle written a thousand years from now, will call "The Decline and Fall of National Oppression"?

Not the subsidized university that exists by the grace of Wall Street.

Not the capitalist press that feeds from the hand of monopoly.

Only a powerful people's newspaper, built by the toil of workers of every color and creed, will dare to explain these lessons.

Only a newspaper guided by the worldview that sees no event without its cause, no special trend without its universal significance — the Marxist view — can give this comfort.

Only a newspaper published daily, participating hourly in the actual struggles of oppressed peoples, can serve the cause of progress and national freedom.

This is the kind of newspaper the daily Western Worker will be.

And this is why hundreds of thousands of persecuted minority peoples on the Pacific Coast are mobilized behind the drive to build this newspaper by January 1.

Happy Birthday To Our Party

ON SUNDAY, Sept. 19, in Los Angeles and San Francisco will be held celebrations of the eighteenth birthday of the Communist Party of the United States.

Eighteen years is not a long time in the life of a party. But in that brief interval, the Communist Party has emerged as a telling factor in the life of the country with which all people must reckon.

Elsewhere on this page is published some brief remarks of Earl Browder, General Secretary of the Party, on its history. They should be carefully studied by everyone and will prove a revelation to a great many people who have been fed all the stock lies peddled about the Communists.

It might prove interesting to some to learn that the Party was not born in Moscow, but in as American a city as Chicago, Ill. Equally as interesting might be the fact that the Party grew in size and influence as a result of its struggles in behalf of the American people on American soil. Its brief history shows that at all times the interests of the Party were identified with those of the great mass of the people.

Because of this, many slogans first developed by the Party, have now been adopted by millions of people because they have learned through their own experience that those slogans merited their support and expressed their desires.

On birthdays, it is customary to give gifts. We suggest two immediate gifts from all members of the party and its friends. They are a Daily Western Worker and a great recruiting campaign that will swell the ranks of the party in the West.

For Them Lincoln Died in Vain



NEGRO COTTON PICKERS shown at work in Ellis County, Texas, where conditions of share-cropping virtually keep the landless farmers in a state of slavery. In the conditions of some six million Negroes in the Black Belt is to be found the core of the economic, political and social inequalities affecting the entire population of 14 million Negro Americans.

On the 18th Anniversary of The Communist Party

Speech of Earl Browder, September 1st, 1937 over NBC Blue Net work, at 6:15 to 6:30 p.m. "The Eighteenth Anniversary of the Founding of the Communist Party"

Friends:
The Communist Party of the United States celebrates today the 18th Anniversary of its foundation. Youngest of America's political parties, it is receiving so much attention from a hostile press that millions of people are interested in knowing more about it from its own spokesmen. Since Al Smith accused President Roosevelt of being a Communist, probably most of the 27 million who voted for the President would like to know more exactly of what they are accused. We take this opportunity of our birthday to speak to the country about our Party.

The Spirit of Debs

Founded in Chicago 18 years ago today, the Communist Party must trace its history further back, because it is really a continuation of the old Socialist Party founded almost 40 years ago by Eugene V. Debs, Victor L. Berger, and their associates. At the convention of the Socialist Party in 1919, the majority of the membership were expelled by the leadership which controlled the organization; it was this majority that founded the Communist Party. How truly the Communists represented the movement of Debs is demonstrated by the fact that the Socialist Party, since that time, never recovered from the blow inflicted upon it by its leaders; it is now only a shadow of its former self, while the Communist Party is emerging as a growing and significant force in American politics, to which all thinking men must give attention.

At this moment the Communist Party stands alone among all the minority parties of the country in the publication field, with ten daily newspapers and some twenty weekly and semi-weekly publications. At this moment we are raising a great fund to launch two more daily newspapers in the English language, one in Chicago and the other in San Francisco. These, with our Daily Worker and Sunday Worker, published in New York, will constitute the first newspaper chain in America owned and controlled by a workingclass political party. Supplementing this news press, our Party issues a growing flood of books, pamphlets, and magazines, all of which find a ready and growing market. It is conceded even by our enemies that the publications of our Party exert a great and growing influence upon the country, and that they are models of efficient organization.

Unity and Discipline

What is the message that this powerful voice of the Communist Party is giving to America? First of all, it is the message of the need for the great mass of the people, the workers and farmers, to organize for their own self-protection against those forces of greed and exploitation, collectively known as Wall Street. Trade unions of the workers and the various forms of organization of the farmers, controlled by a workingclass political party. Supplementing this news press, our Party issues a growing flood of books, pamphlets, and magazines, all of which find a ready and growing market. It is conceded even by our enemies that the publications of our Party exert a great and growing influence upon the country, and that they are models of efficient organization.

Secondly, the Communist Party works untiringly to unite all the organizations of the workers, farmers, and oppressed middle classes, for effectively fighting for those governmental measures of social and labor legislation needed to meet their immediate difficulties. It was the

Communist Party, for example, which brought forward the first proposal for Unemployment, Old Age and Social Insurance, and organized a mass movement in its support, which enlisted millions and paved the way for those small beginnings toward this end enacted into Law by the Roosevelt Administration. It was the Communist Party, alone of all political parties, which helped the farmers to fight against eviction at the depth of the crisis, and which supported completely every legislative demand of the farmers for relief from their burdens. Only the Communist Party, no other, officially supported the demand of the war veterans for the bonus, a demand forced to fulfillment over the leaders of all other parties. It was the fight organized and led by the Communist party on behalf of the unemployed which finally brought from a reluctant congress those measures of relief and work which saved America from catastrophe. Millions of Americans took part in these fights, who were not Communists; but the only political party which helped them, and which brought about national unity and organization of the battle, was the Communist Party.

Champions Negro

Thirdly, it was the Communist Party, alone among political parties, which saw the crying need for America to put an end to the disgraceful rule of lynch law and special persecution of the Negro people, and which made a practical day to day struggle for this purpose. Thus it was the Communists who took up the fight for the Scottsboro boys, finally won the release of four of them, saved the lives of all, and brought the whole country to consciousness of a national disgrace which must be wiped out. It was the Communist Party which, by winning the freedom of Angelo Herndon from 20 years on a Georgia chain gang, won a victory for the whole Negro people. It was the Communist Party which, alone raised the banner of full and complete citizenship for the Negroes, although a hypocritical promise of these rights has been written into the Constitution for generations.

Fourthly the Communist Party is working for the unity of the workingclass and for the establishment of a common fighting front of the great majority of the people in a permanent political coalition a People's Front, against their enemies, the bankers and monopolists who dominate the Republican Party and control such a large part of the Democratic Party that in the last Congress they defeated the mandate of the 1936 election. We declare that the old party lines have become meaningless, that the time has come for a new alignment, in which the progressives shall all unite on one side against the reactionaries on the other side. That is what we mean when we call for a Farmer-Labor Party, although we are not particular about what such a party should be called. We declare that the main issue before our country today is that of the choice between progress or reaction, between democracy or fascism. We of the Communist Party are fully and completely in the camp of progress and democracy. We are giving our best efforts to help unite in this camp the majority of the people to take the government out of the hands of Wall Street.

Fights For Peace

Fifthly, the Communist Party is fighting for a peace policy for the United States for a policy that will keep America out of war by helping the peace-loving and democratic peoples of other lands to keep war out of the world. We condemn the stupid and hypocritical "neutrality" law which is the most unneutral law ever written, and which threatens to drag America into a new world war by directly encouraging the war-making fascist powers. We propose that the U. S. should base its foreign policy squarely upon the Kellogg-Briand Pact of Paris, by which

fifty nations have pledged us to refrain from war, and upon the Nine Power Pact which guarantees peace in the Pacific; that whenever any nation violates these pledges so solemnly made, the U. S. shall register that fact, and throw the moral and economic power of this country into the balance against the war-makers by severing economic connections with them (but not with their victims) until peace is restored and their pledges made good. We propose the fullest cooperation of the U. S. with every nation which wants peace, for common restraint of the war-makers, and for the Pacific— a Pacific Pact of Non-Aggression. We hold that war anywhere in the world is a disaster for us all and threatens the peace of all. We hold that only international cooperation along these lines holds any hope for preserving the peace of the world. We give our efforts to organize the people of America to urge such a policy upon our government.

Finally, the Communist Party tells the people of America that all our troubles arise from the private ownership of our economic resources, the factories, mills, mines, railroads, banks, by a small—and increasingly smaller—number of rich families, the monopolists and financiers known as Wall Street. There is no complete and final solution of our problems so long as the monopolists and financiers retain the ownership and control of our economy. It will finally become necessary for the people to take over this ownership and control, through their own government, and operate our economic life for the common good of all, instead of the private profit of the few. Such a change is what we call the change from capitalism to socialism — from the rule of the capitalist to the rule of the socially-governed producers, the working people of the country. We point out the successful operation of this principle in the Soviet Union, a land formerly among the most backward, unfortunate, and poverty-stricken, which is now through a few years of socialism achieving miracles of economic, cultural, and social progress which has already caught up with and surpassed Europe, and which is now second only to the United States. How much more quickly and completely could we in the United States, where all the necessary material foundations have already been laid, achieve plenty and prosperity for all, once we break the fetter of capitalist monopoly!

Invites Best Elements

Finally, the Communist Party tells the people of America that all these good things these necessary things for the life of the people can only be won if there is a strong, clear-headed, disciplined Party of the workers which organizes the people to fight for them, which day in and day out, year after year, is guiding the struggle and finding the solutions for all problems—only if the best, most loyal, most energetic, and most intelligent from among the workers, farmers, and middle classes unite themselves for these purposes in the Communist Party.

On its 18th Anniversary the Communist Party is conducting a recruiting campaign for new members. We invite into our ranks for organized common work to achieve our common ends, all who agree with our basic program, who have learned to trust and respect our Party. We want to add to our present 50,000 active dues paying membership, within the next few weeks, at least another 50,000 whom we know are prepared to join our ranks when the invitation is put squarely before them. The growth of the Communist Party is the greatest blow against the rule of monopolists and financiers; it is the greatest guarantee against reaction and fascism; it is the hope of democracy and progress; it is the promise of a future America with peace and prosperity for every man, woman, and child.

WorldFront

By HARRY GANNES

Soviet U-Boat Stand Called Fascists' Bluff

Behind the braggadocio and nose-thumbing of Mussolini and Hitler at the results of the Nyon conference on Piracy, the fascists are deeply concerned over events being shaped by the firm peace stand of the Soviet Union.

Rome and Berlin measure the agreements reached by the Nine Powers on the Mediterranean menace with their own yardsticks. Skeptics in other countries believe that nothing has been accomplished.

But let us see about that. The hysteria and childish name-calling directed against Stalin and Litvinoff in the German and Italian press are symptoms of fascist rage over the dramatic and powerful action of the Soviet Union. Hitler and Mussolini know only too well that the Soviet Union has again demonstrated its leading role in world politics in the struggle for peace. The wishful estimate of the Soviet Union's "weakness" as a result of the purge of Trotskyite allies of fascism and spies has been rudely shattered by realities. European diplomats and militarists (and somewhat reluctantly the capitalist press) recognize that the Soviet Union was never stronger and more able to defend the Socialist fatherland than at the present time.

Results of Nyon

Concerning the Nyon Conference itself, we can tabulate the following general results:

- (1) The fascist dictators' scheme to destroy the conference completely failed. Whether the British government wished it or not, the lines were drawn more sharply than ever before between the leading democratic powers of Europe and the fascist Rome-Berlin-Tokio axis.
- (2) Despite the absence of the Pirate Mussolini and his gangster pal, Hitler, the conference was held and actually reached an agreement.
- (3) Though the British Tories did everything they could to save Mussolini's face, they could not shield Italian fascism as the pirate of the Mediterranean.
- (4) Even though the decisions and plans are not sufficiently complete nor effective against piracy, the Nyon conference results will work to hinder Italy's continued piracy.
- (5) Mussolini, through the British delegation, failed to smuggle in belligerent rights for France. A special document was issued in this regard.
- (6) The Soviet Union's ships were promised protection by the navies of France and Britain, and the USSR besides was left free to accompany its merchantmen with naval convoys through the Mediterranean.
- (7) The patrol of the Tyrrhenian Sea suggested to Italy under instructions from Premier Chamberlain, a face-saving proposal, is an offer to Mussolini to patrol a route that is not on the highway to or from Spain.

Forced Britain's Hand

The Soviet Union has taken a stand in the Mediterranean area, the very lair of the pirate Mussolini, and forced the unwilling hand of Britain and the faltering feet of France.

To top it all, Mussolini who at first exploded with invective and war threats against the Soviet Union for daring to expose his brigandage, has since ordered the totalized press to muffle its empty challenges.

The guilt of Italian fascism is being daily confirmed and acknowledged, even in Britain. For example, the New York Herald Tribune (no enemy of Mussolini nor friend of the Soviet Union) published a cable from its London correspondent Jack Beall attesting to the truthfulness of the Soviet Union's indictment of Mussolini.

British Opinion Enters

We quote the following, not to add cumulative evidence, but to show that public opinion in Britain and elsewhere will condemn those British Tories along with Mussolini as responsible if piracy continues after the Nyon conference:

"These raids of the pirates did not start until both Italy and Germany had withdrawn their boats from the non-intervention patrol scheme around Spain."

"When you come right down to it, why should a country whose Duce sends a large and well equipped army to Spain, supplying ten generals on the active list of the Italian army, and boasts about their victories in open telegrams to that army, quibble at supplying a few submarines in the bargain? When General Attilio Teruzzi, commander of the Black Shirt Legionnaires in Spain, can telegraph Rome, where it was published, a message saying, 'Duce. Your orders have been carried out,' what's to prevent a little piracy on the side?"

What riles Hitler and Mussolini most is the fact that the Nyon conference has put the spotlight of world opinion on the Soviet Union as the greatest and most determined peace power.

Soviet Melodrama Depicts Desert Heroism

Soviet Melodrama — two line 12 pt ital hed —
SAN FRANCISCO—"The Thirteen," one of the best films ever produced by Mosfilm, will be presented by Amkino at the Clay Theater starting Saturday, Sept. 18.

This thrilling story has to do with the adventures of a band of thirteen Russians who, making their way through the Asiatic desert, come to a water hole which is the rendezvous of bandits. There they find arms and ammunition hidden and when the bandits suddenly return the men determine to fight it out, while on of them goes for help. It is a heroic and amazing defense, but only one of the men is alive when the rescuers arrive.

That Daily Paper

Figures . . . Alameda
On the Air? . . . Sonoma
One Man's Wage
Santa Barbara

Whenever the big shot Wall Street economists take a deep breath, wave their arms and begin to spout figures, we know it's time to duck. When it comes to taking innocent little ciphers and twisting them around until they are blue in the face in an attempt to make them prove something which ain't, they have no equals.

But don't blame the figures. Facts and figures are important to us in our work and the time has come to unload a fancy set of numbers which shed a revealing light on the Daily "Western" Drive.

There are exactly 116 days (counting Sundays) during the Drive and eight of them are no more. With \$35,000 as the goal, it would take \$301.72 per each and every day of the Drive to complete our task. So far, in the eight days, a total of 671.00 has been turned in.

This is an average for the first eight days of \$83.80 per day. Subtract that from \$301.72 and we have a DAILY deficit of \$207.92!

All of which is a not so simple way of telling you that at this writing, the Drive is \$1,663.36 BEHIND. This, in turn, means that the Daily Average must now be BOOSTED to \$317.80 per day for every day left. As soon as you recover from the headache, GET BUSY!

Alameda Picnic

Over 1,000 persons attended the Alameda County Picnic last Sunday, this being the first major affair to be held in the State for the Financial Drive. A good profit was made and Alameda now leads all other counties in percentage of quota turned in. They led all the way in the Circulation Drive, only to be beaten out by Santa Barbara at the finish. This time, says DAVE ADAMS, Drive Director, there won't be anyone ahead of them at the end of the race.

Tune In

Some time ago, we understood that Los Angeles had arranged for a series of 12 radio broadcasts for the Drive. Under Western Worker auspices, they would give a week-by-week summary of the local, national and international news.

There is little question that such broadcasts would immediately develop a large following among all progressive and intelligent people. We're personally so damn tired of hearing the news hashed up and distorted over the "regular" news broadcasts that we fear we would blissfully faint were we to hear a clear, Marxist interpretation of the present muddled world situation from our radio.

Units could use the broadcasts for "listening" parties; the talks could "plug" the Western Worker as nothing else could; appeals could be made for direct donations; every one . . . say, Los Angeles, when are you going to cut loose with it?

About Sonoma

Sonoma County (where tar and feathers rank among the principal products) is underway in the Drive. Working under handicaps no other county in the state faces, a determined band of comrades are planning to carry the Drive through in spite of any obstacles.

One Day's Pay

First worker in the State to donate a day's pay to the Financial Drive is HARRY LAWRENCE, 22 A. D., San Francisco, who brought in his \$5.00 this week. In addition, comrade LAWRENCE has collected \$20.00, which makes him the leading Press Builder in the State.

Again—"Little Alameda"

This unit, with a membership of seven comrades, undertook a quota of \$300 for the Drive—by far the largest quota per member in the State. To date, they have turned in \$35.50 or more than 10 per cent of their quota.

About Santa Barbara

A letter has just been received from Santa Barbara announcing that they have raised their quota from \$350 to \$500!

Listen, White Bosses!

By BELLE WEST

Atlanta, Ga.

Listen, White bosses—lynchers!
I'm White, too!
I'm sixteen.
You love to call me
The Flower of Southern womanhood!
And breed hate in my heart
With sneaking lies of
"Nigger rape."
But I laugh in your face,
And stretch my hand
To a black boy in Georgia's jail
Whose courage
You cowards can't break!
Angelo Herndon, do you hear us?
Do you hear our tread?
It shakes the lynchers
Like a reed in the wind.
Listen to our step—Negro,
White!
All in time—the same rhythm.
We are coming, Angelo,
Listen!

(Editor's Note: This poem reprinted from "Let Me Live" is a striking example of the spirit that saved Angelo from the lynchers and that must save the remaining Scottsboro Boys.)

Death Threatens Four Scottsboro Boys

Tom Paine: "The Crisis of 1776"

(Note: These are excerpts from the first of the series of 16 agitational articles published by Tom Paine while serving in the revolutionary army during the fiery days of the first American Revolution. The fifteenth of these is printed in full in the September Communist in commemoration of the 200th birthday of Tom Paine: September 18th.)

These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph.

Whether the independence of the continent was declared too soon, or delayed too long, I will not now enter into as an argument; my own simple opinion is, that had it been eight months earlier, it would have been much better.

We did not make a proper use of last winter, neither could we, while we were in a dependant state. However, the fault, if it were one, was all our own; we have none to blame but ourselves. But no great deal is lost yet; all that Howe (British General) has been doing for this month past, is rather a ravage than a conquest, which the spirit of the Jerseys a year ago would have quickly repulsed, and which time and a little resolution will soon recover.

Yet panics, in some cases, have their uses; they produce as much good as hurt. Their duration is always short; the mind soon grows through them, and acquires a firmer habit than before. But their peculiar advantage is that they are the touchstones of sincerity and hypocrisy, and bring things and men to light which might otherwise have lain forever undiscovered.

In fact, they have the same effect on secret traitors, which an imaginary apparition would have upon a private murderer. They sift out the hidden thoughts of man, and hold them up in public to the world. Many a disguised Tory has lately shown his head that shall penitentially solemnize with curses the day on which Howe arrived upon the Delaware.

Let them call me rebel, and welcome, I feel no concern from it; but I should suffer the misery of devils, were I to make a whore of my soul by swearing allegiance to one (King of England) whose character is that of a scottish, stupid, stubborn, worthless, brutish man.

I conceive likewise a horrid idea in receiving mercy from a being, who at the last day shall be shrieking to the rocks and mountains to cover him, and fleeing with terror from the orphan, the widow, and the slain of America.

There are cases which cannot be overdone by language, and this is one. There are persons, too, who see not the full extent of the evil which threatens them, they solace themselves with hopes that the enemy, if he succeed, will be merciful.

It is the madness of folly, to expect mercy from those who have refused to do justice; and even mercy, where conquest is the object, is only a trick of war; the cunning of the fox is as murderous as the violence of the wolf; and we ought to guard equally against both.

Howe's first object is partly by threats and partly by promises, to terrify or seduce the people to deliver up their arms and receive mercy. The ministry recommended the same plan to Gage, and this is what the Tories call making their peace, "a peace which passeth all understanding" indeed. A peace which would be the immediate forerunner of a worse ruin than any we have yet thought of. Ye men of Pennsylvania, do reason upon these things!

YOUTH AROUND THE WORLD

Canadian Youth Congress Involves Catholic Youth Enslaved Says Soldier of Hitler

By ROY DAVIS

The Second Canadian Youth Congress met in Montreal with 750 official delegates, representing more than half a million young people. The Congress which met late in May has now issued detailed reports of the gathering.

Of great importance at the conclusion was the full representation of Catholic Youth. They had 130 delegates of the French-Canadian youth organizations, all of them Catholic. The official Church bodies, the Association Canadienne (ACJC) and the Jeunesse Ouvriere Catholique (JOC) were represented and played a leading role at the Congress.

Catholic Youth Participate

For a period before the Congress, the participation of the Catholic groups seemed dubious. High officials of the church acting under the Archbishop of Montreal, Mgr. Gauthier proposed that the youth should not take part in the Congress. This was rejected. Then, these same officials proposed that the Catholic Youth present five pre-conditions for their participation, the first of which was that the Congress affirm its belief in God.

After a long joint discussion, the representatives of the Protestant Youth groups pointed out that a true concept of Christianity does not demand a "forcible belief in God." The Young Communist League of Canada stated that it recognized the right of the Youth groups in the Congress, who are in their vast majority Christian and Jewish Church groups to establish the affirmation of the belief in God. After stating its own principles clearly and "agreed with the proposal of the Committee for the sake of the unity of Canadian Youth."

Disrupters Foiled

The Congress then adopted the proposals of the Catholics which would pledge these latter groups to participate. The only votes against it were cast by two Trotskyists, who attacked the assembled youth as fascists and walked out.

Later in the sessions, an effort was made in the French Catholic Caucus by disrupters to propose the introduction of a motion condemning Communism. This was finally rejected.

Besides the church delegates, 75 trade unions and all the official junior farm organizations were represented. The Young Communist League had 40 delegates and the Co-operative Commonwealth Youth Movement (the Socialist Youth) about 30.

Drastic Cut Made In NYA Student Aid

SAN FRANCISCO — Needy high school youth on the Federal Student Aid Program in California are beginning to feel the effect of the brutal slashing of the Works Relief Bill by the last Congress. The 480 eligible California secondary schools share an entirely inadequate \$300,000 of National Youth Administration funds.

The national student aid funds for high school has been slashed by \$3,000,000. Pending, are reductions of \$8,000,000 for the University and College fund. These, together with impending cuts for the non-student workers on N.Y.A., will amount to cutting the whole program in half, a reduction of 20-30 million dollars.

Youth here and in Los Angeles are moving to convince purse-holding Tories that the young people of California really do need aid by conducting thorough youth surveys. (See elsewhere on this page.)

Farmer-Labor Govt. Acts for NYA Help

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—Decrying the reduction of federal NYA funds for needy youth, Governor Elmer A. Benson of this state claimed:

"This fall the reduction in federal aid threatens the education of 2,500 youth of this state. What will happen in the future if the federal government steps entirely out of the picture?" "Minnesota—with nearly 2,500 delinquent youth and over 10,000 handicapped and ill-nourished young people—faces a welfare program of the first magnitude."

State Council Acts

The State Executive Council acted last week to alleviate somewhat the situation by: (1) Increasing the amount of high school student aid from \$250,000 to \$270,000 which will enable approximately 6,000 boys and girls to attend high school, and

(2) Ordering a survey of needy young people to determine the future course of state aid for youth.

It is understood that the service is to be undertaken under the direction of Dr. John Anderson, director of the Institute of Child Welfare at the University of Minnesota, with Thomas Minehan, former sociology instructor at the university and author of "Boy and Girl Tramps of America" as active administrator.

Youth Survey Outlined

The youth survey, very similar to the one now being planned in the city of Los Angeles, was proposed by Governor Benson and received the support of Attorney General William Ervin and State Treasurer C. A. Halverson.

The scope of the youth survey was outlined to include discovering the exact needs among the youth of Minnesota and the job possibilities of the state, and then on the basis of this factual picture, planning activities to meet these needs.

Merriam Provides Forced Labor for Rich Growers

SACRAMENTO — Roy S. Stockton, State Employment Service head, announced there would be no labor shortage for California harvests, thanks to Governor Merriam's policy of forcing workers of State Relief Administration rolls to work in the fields at sub-standard wages.

The Workers' Alliance of California is in the midst of a fight to stop this forced labor at miserable wage rates.

AROUND THE LEAGUE

RED SPARKS FLY WHEN TORY BLOCKS YOUTH MEET

By BEN DOBBS

State Administrative Secretary, California Young Communist League

"O. K., Mr. Chandler, if we can't speak to 5000 youths in a meeting because you control all the halls, we will speak to the hundreds of thousands of youth in our state over the radio." Thus spoke the convention committee that has been working for months in preparation for the First Annual State Convention of the YCL.

It's an old story. The Constitution provides for free speech and assemblage, but it does not provide for the conditions to make this possible. As everyone knows, the facilities to make this possible are all owned, by private concerns. Therefore, they have dictated that the YCL shall not be rented a hall for the opening session of the convention. This was to be one of the biggest and best features of our convention. Unfortunately, there was not enough time to organize a campaign to force these gentlemen to rent us a hall, so we had to postpone our convention.

We Don't Give Up So Easily

"We must make this postponement an advantage rather than a disadvantage." This was the slogan issued in a statement sent to the members of the YCL by the State Executive Committee. With this went a plea to the members of the League to accept the challenge of these big owners. This challenge can best be answered by even more ambitious plans, by even more energy to reach the youth. The medium of the radio is the answer. That is why we are trying hard to build a radio fund, so that we can speak to the youth of our State in even greater number than possible through a meeting.

We figure that if we try hard enough we can raise the necessary \$300 to go on the air. This will be real achievement for our League, and certainly deserves all the support possible. To prove that this is not utopian, and can actually be accomplished, many comrades have pledged to save a nickel a day until the broadcast to go for this radio fund. Many branches are giving parties and affairs for the fund on the original convention dates.

So our convention is postponed until Nov. 5, 6 and 7th. This date coincides with the 20th anniversary of the workers' revolution in the Soviet Union. What better date could we have, that would bring to the attention of the youth the advantages of Socialism? This is one of the aims of the YCL; to educate the youth in the spirit of Socialism, which is being celebrated in the Soviet Union.

That is the aim of the SEC and also the branches of the League in connection with the extended date of the convention and the membership Drive that is now in progress. This, also, is certainly not too high a standard to shoot at. The results shows that with this added month in the drive we can certainly fulfill the goal we set for ourselves. Many comrades that felt that the trip to the Soviet Union Prize was already "in the bag" are now back in the running. This month again throws the contest wide open and anyone can win. The chief contestants are once more speeding up the process of recruiting and paying lots more attention to what is happening to the members that they recruited.

Standing so far:

Los Angeles—325 new members.

Oakland still leads with 80 new members.

San Francisco—110 new members.

San Francisco has the best recruiter in the person of Jimmy Hayes, the President of the San Francisco City YCL, and a member of the North Beach Branch.

We want you to keep your eyes open for the beautiful new folders issued by the State Membership Drive Committee. They really are honeys, and we believe that they are among the finest things ever put out.

YCL Pledges for Daily Western

We pledged that the YCL would do all in its power to aid the drive to make a Daily possible. Since then we have a couple things to report. The San Francisco YCL pledged to raise \$50. George Hitchcock got up on his two hind legs at a big party meeting and pledged to raise \$25 all by himself. Moved by the splendid enthusiasm shown by the Party, and what this would mean for our movement (not to mention this column) the writer pledged to raise \$10 also.

The State Executive Committee has asked all County Councils of the YCL to endorse the Drive and to arrange big youth affairs for Halloween and turn the proceeds over to the Western. We also suggest that the League give all services possible to the various affairs that will be arranged for the drive.

Thinks Child Health Should Rate Special Articles

By FRANKLIN E. BISSELL

Several issues ago a reader made the suggestion that a special column be devoted to child health. She pointed out that most mothers need frequently advice on the care of their children's mental and physical well-being, and that many women will become interested in the "Western" solely because of such a column.

This is an excellent idea, because many mothers' main interest in life is centered around their children and family. However, it would not be advisable to lay more emphasis on these subjects in this column. So send in your questions and I will answer them, by personal letter as well as in the "Western."

What—No Waiting for Saturday Night?



EVIDENTLY SOVIET KIDS can afford a salt tub every day from the looks of these youngsters at Nursery No. 5, of the Kaganovich Tobacco factory in Odessa, Black Sea Port. While their parents are at work these children enjoy "the elaborate facilities for working class children made possible by Socialist economy. An elaborate network of maternity hospitals, nurseries, kindergartens, medical service, sanatoriums, summer camps and dietetic dining rooms for expectant mothers has been set up.

Kids Picket to Play

ORANGE, N. J. — Carrying signs reading "We need a playground," 200 children in this suburban New Jersey community forced the city council to change its mind about discontinuing construction of a playground on a vacant lot which the children had been eyeing for some time.

Hearing of the council's decision to halt construction at their breakfast, they met soon afterwards and decided to show their resentment. Crayons and cardboard were soon turned into signs, and a picket line was set up. Mothers joined in and within a few hours City Commissioner Bianchi arrived and, surveying the situation, announced that the playground would be completed.

Veblen College Planned

NEW YORK—Plans for the establishment of Veblen College, "a cooperative school to deal with problems of social change," are announced by Ralph H. Read, executive secretary, at the New York City office, 1107 Broadway. The site, at Hightstown, N. J., is donated by Benjamin Brown, who was influential in the development of the Federal Homesteads Project and Cooperative Garment Factory there.

Powers Accuses Water District in Banning Dynamiting

Collective Action Will Block War

Strict Observance of Pacts Will Put Fascist Mad-Dog On Spot

By Harry Gannes
(This article concludes the series of three by Harry Gannes, New York Daily Worker foreign affairs expert, and author of the recently published book "When China Unites.")

Realizing that his general argument leaves the reader somewhat obscure on where he stands in the present battle of militarist fascism against national China, Thomas writes: "Of course, my sympathies are wholly with the Chinese against the Japanese," a necessary emphasis in view of his previous arguments—but as matters stand in our national capitalist world, in the long run the Chinese have far more of a hope from their own efforts than from the aid from a nation which happens to be an imperialist rival to Japan.

The danger of this argument is easy to see when the realities of the situation are even casually examined. Norman Thomas wants the true with American or British imperialism. Let's see now. Japan is attempting to enforce a blockade of China. If all war supplies are cut off China cannot with its bare hands ultimately defeat one of the most modern-equipped military powers in the world. American and British interests in the Chinese market make these countries struggle to prevent such a blockade. Thus if U. S. and British pressure is able—and it is—to void a Japanese blockade, China has an opportunity of getting arms and supplies. Norman Thomas would majestically tell the Chinese people to rely on their bare hands and not try to utilize the facts of the imperialist conflict in the Far East in order to counteract Japan's blockade efforts.

What History Says

Look up your history, Comrade Thomas. The U. S. in achieving its independence did not reject the aid of monarchist France against its British competitor; and it later made good use of Anglo-French antagonism in the Napoleonic wars, as well as Spanish conflicts in the New World. The Anglo-American-Japanese rivalry helped to save sections of Siberia and Manchuria at the close of the last world war from the grasp of Japan is a fact stressed by Lenin.

Thus while Thomas gives ammunition to the isolationists he fails utterly to propose a clear-cut policy in the struggle against the danger of a new imperialist world slaughter. But while Thomas talks in this fashion the editorials of the Call present another "line."

The leading editorial of the Socialist Call of Aug. 28 looks upon the danger of a new world war as a welcome inevitability. The sooner the war extends and the worse conditions become the better it would suit the writer of that editorial. Here is a sample of the irresponsible phrasemongering, actually an excuse for the failure to have a concrete program in the struggle against war (from the Call editorial):

'I COULD BE MORE USE THERE' SAYS DR. ELOESSER OF SPAIN

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the world's outstanding; in Heidelberg, Breslau and Kiel. Accompanying his career as a surgeon, he is an amateur musician whose collaboration is sought by professionals. He is a director of San Francisco's Symphony Orchestra. In short, he has personal and professional associations of long standing in San Francisco. It is not given to every man to see a cause that can lure him from a position so comfortable.

Expects to Be a Surgeon
"Aside from the responsibility of directing a medical unit in Spain, what will you do there?" "I'm not anxious to be in charge of anything," said Dr. Eloesser. "I expect to be the surgeon to the unit. That's what I do best."

Dr. Eloesser has not come lately to sympathy with Spain and with the fight for democracy. For one thing, he has been head of the local committee of the Medical Bureau to Aid Spanish Democracy since its inception. "I'm not an expert on poli-

different from the argument made by some of the chauvinist leaders of the Shakai Tai-shuto (the Social Democratic Party of Spain). These Japanese Social-Democratic leaders argue in a Trotskyist manner: You can't build Socialism in Japan. It does not have enough raw materials. It is necessary first for Japanese imperialism to conquer China. Therefore the Social-Democrats should support the war; for it not only will bring us the territory with which to build Socialism, but, they continue in the style employed by the Socialist Call, it will ultimately bring the conditions for revolution.

Supports War

But what is the immediate effect of the Shakai Tai-shuto leadership's arguments? To goad the masses not to revolution but to chauvinism and a support of the militarist-fascist war.

What is the practical effect of the Socialist Call's arguments? There is no use arousing the American people to struggle for peace—that is against war—let matters take their own course; and the worse the better.

In our polemics against the isolationist position (and some of its variations) and the middle of the road policy we have more than indicated the position for collective peace action.

There can be no isolation no matter how fervent the arguments for it become. In moments when Americans could see the issue more calmly and clearly before the present hostilities in China it was recognized the peace is indivisible, and that the United States could not escape the factors that would bring on a world war.

Powers Must Join Hands

The security of the American people lies, therefore, not in trying to escape—futile and dangerous hope. If war cannot be kept out of the Pacific, America cannot be kept out of war. Japan has initiated the war. Japan cannot continue or extend that war if it knows that the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain and France stand solidly against that war.

The Japanese ruling class, already faced with the threat of internal economic catastrophe and a revolutionary upsurge, would not fly in the face of the united Pacific powers, if these powers were actually collaborating for peace. Conversely, however, every retreat of the United States and Great Britain in the Pacific, every advance of isolationist views in the United States, must encourage the Japanese fascist-militarists.

Signing of the Soviet-Chinese non-aggression pact, based on the Kellogg Peace Pact, caused consternation at Tokyo. Extension of that pact into a Pacific Non-Aggression Pact, with the United States and Great Britain joining would set off a formidable opposition of the majority of the Japanese people against their militarist-fascists.

The peace of the world can never be gained by recklessly retreating before the fascist war mongers. The people can be mobilized for the broadest peace movement that will not isolate America and let her be cooked in her own juices by the heat of battle drawing nearer but by cooperating with the people and nations of the world who desire and can win peace.

(The concluding article in this series will be published in the next issue. It will deal with isolationist trends and the Socialist Party position.)

SHELLEY QUITS STATE LABOR CONVENTION

Joins Kidwell and Others In Protest Against Vandeleur Rule

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Union officials, in collaboration with employer interests.

The reactionary juggernaut took care to keep control by ousting virtually all progressive delegates and unions not previously expelled by Vandeleur personally.

The threat of violence was used as a club over the heads of delegates opposing the will of this machine, after the violence was applied on the persons of at least eight delegates, including President Jack Shelley of the San Francisco Central Labor Council.

Shelley Urged Referendum

Although faced with overwhelming odds, the progressive forces remaining made themselves heard. Shelley spoke in the interests of peace to solve the present outlook of longshoremen and warehousemen on the San Francisco waterfront, engineered by Teamsters officials and employees, proposing that a National Labor Relations Board election be held among the warehousemen.

"Since the AFL fought for the establishment of the National Labor Relations Act and since President William Green of the AFL has recently re-affirmed our beliefs in the policies of President Roosevelt, I feel that we should conform to a strict observance of the law we helped to establish, instead of contributing to its nullification," declared Shelley.

"Asks Use of Wagner Act," "The National Labor Relations Act provides the machinery necessary for a just determination of this internal dispute on the Pacific Coast, and I trust that other representatives of both groups in their separate localities throughout the nation, will consent to a referendum of the workers involved for the definite and permanent settlement of this dispute."

However, his proposal was doomed to defeat at the hands of the Vandeleur-packed convention, as was the proposal of George Kidwell, Bakery Wagon Drivers of S. F., to ask President Roosevelt to name a board to conduct a referendum in both CIO and AFL on the issues involved in an attempt to secure a national labor movement.

Convention Endorsed Lockout
A blanket endorsement of the Teamster officials' lockout on the S. F. waterfront, was jammed through the convention. The reactionary machine blocked all resolutions directed at settling this controversy, and at bringing more harmonious relations between AFL and CIO unions, looking in the direction of a united labor movement.

Kidwell was attacked as a "Communist" for submitting his proposal by Secretary J. W. Buzzell of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council. In fact, red baiting comprised a majority of all arguments made by the reactionaries against all progressive proposals.

Most shocking to the labor movement throughout the state, however, was the blocking by the Vandeleur machine of all investigation of the "goon squad" attacks on Shelley and other delegates.

Whitewash "Goon"
George Daley, S. F. Letter Carriers Union, moved the convention go on record denouncing and repudiating all overt acts. The motion was widely seconded, but on a motion from Buzzell was tabled. Joseph Henderson, S. F. Butchers Union, spoke vehemently in favor of the motion, stating a member of his union—Kaspar Bauer, 62, of Santa Cruz—had been beaten and thrown down the stairs of the Kennebec Hotel.

After the motion was tabled one of Buzzell's stooges moved that all discussion of overt acts of violence be expunged from the records. Shelley was blocked from speaking on this question.

Chairman C. P. Haggerty has stated no delegate at this convention had any part in this violence.

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Social Service Guild to Act On CIO Affiliation

SAN FRANCISCO — The question of taking a referendum on affiliation to the Committee for Industrial Organization, will be acted on at the regular meeting of the Social Service Employees Guild next Monday night, September 20.

At a special meeting last Monday night, the Guild heard Henry Wenning, national organizer of the CIO State, County and Municipal Employees Union, speak on advantages to be gained by CIO affiliation.

The executive committee of the California Federation of Social Service Guilds, at its recent meeting in Berkeley, urged the locals to affiliate to the CIO.

SEA FIREMEN VOTE RECALL OF FERGUSON

Action Spikes Plot to Use Seamen Against Dockers In Waterfront Crisis

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many of these WPA workers were misled. I suggest you let them all go out. My suggestion to the WPA workers is that they go out quietly. There are 400 warehousemen down stairs to see that nothing happens to them."

At this juncture the links arose and sneaked out of the hall. Many of the books were taken from them right away. One link was kept in the hall for a short while, and he testified over the microphone, "I didn't know what I was doing. I wanted a job on WPA, and I was told I had to go in the Marine Firemen to get a WPA job. I thought I was coming to a WPA meeting."

Ferguson tried to beat down the charge by red baiting, but other members got up and told of observing the meeting of links at Garibaldi Hall. A motion was made to suspend Secretary Ferguson pending investigation and elect a secretary pro tem.

The motion to suspend the secretary carried virtually unanimously, and Ferguson soon afterward left the meeting. E. J. Sullivan, union agent in San Francisco, was elected secretary pro tem. The other nominee for the job, Allan Yates, was ruled out by the chair as ineligible to run on a technicality.

Henry Schmidt, Longshoremen 33-79 president, spoke to the meeting, being greeted with thunderous applause. He explained the Teamsters' officials' plans to picket the waterfront, and quoted McLaughlin, Teamsters' czar, as saying he expected to get Marine Firemen and Sailors Union of the Pacific support.

A motion was passed to reaffirm the union's support of the ILWU in the lockout on the waterfront. Another motion, not to respect Teamsters' picket lines when directed against workers instead of against employers, also passed.

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ILA INSTRUCTS ANTI-CIO PAPER DISCONTINUED

'S. F. Longshoreman' Editors Face Charges If Paper Published

SAN FRANCISCO — Longshoremen's Local 33-79 overwhelmingly went on record last Monday night to "instruct and request that publication of the San Francisco Longshoremen be stopped" and to charge its editors with violation of the union's constitution if the anti-CIO paper's publication continues. Of 2000 members in attendance, only 25 voted against the resolution.

Many members took the floor to denounce the further publication of this paper, and appealed in the name of unity that the group responsible desist.

Only Ralph Mallen and "Red" Kennedy, editors of the paper, with Henry Schrimpf, spoke in defense of the paper.

Different members pointed out that this was not an issue of free press or free speech. It was the question of whether or not a minority group was going to go along with the majority decision of the membership. The resolution urged the minority group publishing the paper to use the rank and file columns of the Voice of the Federation to bring their ideas and criticisms before the membership.

Teamster Czar's Paper

The Teamster officials are distributing this paper all over the state, declared one member, and Joe Ryan's agents are putting it out in the East and Gulf, looking as if the editors must be printing many copies and that their express bill must be enormous. This member stated it is planned to give an AFL charter to a minority group and this paper, the voice of the Teamster officials and of Joe Ryan, is helping to do it.

Sixteen rank and file members of the Marine Firemen, headed by Fitzgerald, one of the Modes to Boys, appeared before the meeting and pledged full support of the rank and file to the Longshoremen in this dispute with the Teamster officials.

"If a crisis comes," Fitzgerald declared, "the Firemen will be right behind the Longshoremen and Warehousemen."

"It is just like the old days," another fireman declared. "Things didn't go so well for our officials in the last couple of meetings and just like Carlson used to do, they picked up the books and papers and walked out, but we, the rank and file, will take care of them. We haven't been fighting the last couple of years for nothing. We have experience in fighting the fakers."

The Longshoremen gave the visiting Firemen a rising vote of thanks for their expressions of solidarity.

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SITTING SINCE April 16, these 130 strikers at the H. Anton Bock Cigar Factory in New York City claim a record almost as long as Rodin's "The Thinker." Furthermore, they insist they'll stay until the management pays more than ten to fourteen dollars a week—even if they have to use huge corn plasters!

VITAL PROBLEMS FACE WORKERS' ALLIANCE IN STATE CONVENTION

OAKLAND — Delegates from all over the state are convening here Saturday, September 18, at 10 a. m., for a two-day convention of the Workers' Alliance of California to discuss vital problems facing the unemployed and WPA workers. The convention meets in Odd Fellows Hall.

"This third convention of the Alliance is the most important yet held," declared Alex Noral, state organizer.

"Among the important problems we are facing and will discuss at this convention, are those of labor relations with WPA, the national WPA program, and the relief policies of the California State Relief Administration.

CIO Questions

"The delegates will also discuss the Workers' Alliance relationship to the trade unions, particularly the Committee for Industrial Organization. We will also take up the question of political action to supplement economic action, with a view to the coming elections."

The question of a union for old people to win greater old-age benefits will also be an important problem before the convention. Organizational problems and election of new officers are also on the agenda.

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"PUT-UP JOB," DECLARES MINE UNION LEADER

Says District Desperate In Attempts to Break Tunnel Strike

(Los Angeles Western Worker Bureau)

LOS ANGELES—Leveling an accusing finger at the Metropolitan Water District, Chase Powers, regional director of the Intl. Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers, issued a statement concerning the dynamiting in an asserted attempt to destroy a power line of the San Jacinto Tunnel.

Powers made a flying trip down to Banning immediately news of the dynamiting was learned.

"It so obviously a put-up job, it smells bad," he said.

"The dynamiting last night," the statement read, "is just another attempt to discredit strikers in the eyes of the public. It was well timed to offset a meeting held at Gilmore Stadium in Los Angeles. One of the objectives of this meeting was to acquaint the public with the true facts of the strike situation."

Obvious Frame-up
"After careful analysis anyone can see that no damage was done but it served the purpose intended. It is ridiculous to believe that members of the union who are capable through their knowledge of powder in their day-to-day work of blasting a hole through 11 feet of solid granite couldn't even break a wooden pole."

"Further evidence of the absurdity of any such action by strikers is found in the fact that it is common knowledge among them that there are duplicate power lines miles apart leading to the camp."

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Santa Barbara Alliance in Support of Laundry Strike

U. S. SEAMEN BRAND JAPAN AS AGGRESSOR

Chicago Resolution Given At Request of an Alaska Canner

By an Alaska Canner
SAN FRANCISCO—Enclosed you will find a copy of a resolution which was unanimously passed by the National Seamen's Conference at Chicago, convened August 30, 31 and September 1, 1937. Please print in your rank and file column: "The delegates to the National Unity Conference of maritime unions express their great sympathy with the Chinese people and their defense against the illegal and unjustified invasion by the Japanese government."

Japan Branded Aggressor

"Japan's invasion of China, without declaration of war and in violation of such international treaties as the Kellogg-Brand pact and the Nine Power Treaty, of which the U. S. is a signatory, not only has led to the deaths of tens of thousands of Chinese men, women and children, but it has brought deaths and injuries to American citizens and other nationals; and has led to the wanton destruction of property; it threatens the peaceful commerce of the world and places in jeopardy the lives of merchant seamen. In a word, Japan's aggression not only constitutes unlawful intervention by armed forces into the affairs of a peaceful, democratic people, but also jeopardizes the rights and lives of American citizens and constitutes a threat to world peace."

Sympathies with China

"Where the peace of the world is threatened, where the rule of civilization and rights of democratic people are already being violated and their lives endangered, it certainly behooves all democratic people and lovers of peace to insist that their rights be respected, their lives protected, and that the violator of international treaties, the enemy of democracy, the foe of peace and the agent of fascism that has invaded China be restrained. Our sympathies are with those who are being attacked."

"We American seamen, recognizing that in this state of affairs we cannot even engage in our calling except at the risk of our lives, therefore resolve: "1. That American vessels should not be restricted from calling into Chinese ports unless they are also restricted from Japanese ports while Japan is the aggressor nation."

"2. That we petition the United States Government to collaborate with the other signatories of the Kellogg-Brand Pact and the Nine Power Treaty, for the purpose of realizing the following aims set forth in these treaties:—Nine Power Act—The contracting powers agree to respect the sovereignty, the independence and territorial and administrative integrity of China. Kellogg Peace Pact—The high contracting parties solemnly declare in the name of their respective peoples that they condemn recourse to war for the solution of their international controversies and renounce it as an instrument of national policy in relation with one another."

"3. We further petition that the United States Government declare Japan a violator of these treaties, of which she was a signatory, and classify Japan as an aggressor nation and enforce an economic embargo against her, until such time as all Japanese troops are withdrawn from China."

"4. We urge that all maritime workers and their unions do everything possible to assist the Chinese people and protest the Japanese invasion of China and adopt such measures in their unions as they fit and will lead to the realization of these aims."

Ask War Bonuses

"5. We further declare that in view of the fact that the lives of American seamen are in constant jeopardy on ships sailing through the so-called war-zone, and that the shipowners have increased their rates for the transportation of cargo and passengers, that the seamen are justified in demanding the payment of bonuses and should have the support of all organized labor."

"6. We finally declare that this conference of maritime unions gathered here in Chicago deems it takes steps to protect the lives of American citizens both passengers and crews of those vessels, engaged in the districts where a state of war exists, or passing through the so-called war zone."

Fifth Year of Folk School

MONTEAGLE, Tenn.—The fifth year of Highlander Folk School opened here Sept. 1 with numerous students from trade unions in attendance. Courses include: how to build the union, labor history, economics, public speaking and parliamentary law, journalism, dramatics and cooperatives.

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ALLIANCE SUPPORTS LAUNDRY STRIKERS IN SANTA BARBARA

Laborers' and Other Unions Make Strike Donations

SANTA BARBARA—The Laborers' and one or two other unions have contributed \$100 to the support of the laundry strikers here.

Our Workers Alliance had to move its meeting place last evening, so now our weekly meeting will be held in the Lincoln School Auditorium, which is better located for the majority of our members.

Support Strike

The Alliance Local 16 adopted the following resolution in support of the Laundry Strikers: To the Manager of the Ambassador Laundry Company, 201 E. Haley St., and to the Manager of Mission Linen and Towel Supply, 725 E. Montecito St.:

Resolution

Whereas: The Laundry Workers of the Ambassador and Mission Linen and Towel Supply, have now been on strike since Thursday, September 2, and

Whereas: Their demands for an adequate raise in wages as per schedule presented, to meet the increase in living expenses, have been ignored, and

Whereas: It has been proven that shorter working hours, at a reasonable increase in wages as above indicated, has resulted elsewhere in greater efficiency and in the reduction of unemployment; Therefore

Be it Resolved: That the Workers Alliance of California, Local 16 of Santa Barbara, in meeting assembled, Friday evening, September 3, does hereby sustain their demands 100% and urge your bodies to make a speedy settlement with these workers.

Respectfully submitted, Local 16, W.A.C., S. B. Branch, Mary R. Rodwick, Cor. Sec.

Legion Magazine Hails Mussolini

By a Veteran

LOS ANGELES—The mail coming into the National Military Home contains many copies of the American Legion Magazine. The issue of September, 1937, has pages of ballyhoo on how nice it is in Italy and Germany.

The articles on Italy are about Rome, by two agents of Mussolini. The first one is called "The City Eternal," by Guilio Surcich, Italian ambassador to the U. S.; the other, "The City Progressive," by Capt. C. H. Huntington, of the Italian World War Veterans' Assn.

"Glorifying" Mussolini

The golden-haired boy in the "city eternal" is none other than Mussolini. Benito must hold his own with Paul Bunyan, so some of his mouthpieces use the American Legion Magazine for this purpose.

Capt. Huntington slobbers all over himself in the "city progressive." He states that spiritual restoration has brought about material restoration and that there is not a single Italian today who does not feel proud of Rome. The drive goes on and on by this Capt. Huntington, who is a native of Boston. He has spent much time in Italy, where his father was U. S. consul at Florence.

Mussolini's Crimes Unmentioned

Surcich and Huntington do not mention one word about the rape of Ethiopia or the slaughter of men, women and children in Democratic Spain by this same beetle-browed hero of theirs. The grounds of this National Home are littered with the American Legion publications. The wind is blowing the litter about. A veteran sitting next to me says: "Slim, if the folks back in Missouri had them that magazines, they could use 'em for striking paper."

"Ouch!" Cried The Politician

By a Worker Correspondent

MARIPOSA, Cal.—At an election rally that took place on a farm nearby, two politicians, one representing the Democratic Party and the other the Republican Party, spoke from a decorated platform. When the time came for a representative of the Communist Party to speak, he was told by a hard-boiled chairman to speak from the top of a wagon heaped full of manure.

He did not object and with a smile clambered to the top of the huge load of manure and began. Ladies and gentlemen, this is the first time I have ever spoken from the platform of all the capitalist parties!"

Vets Waiting Turn To Die, Talk About Coming World War

By a VETERAN

LOS ANGELES—There are hundreds of veterans at the National Military Home awaiting their turn to be hauled out to the marble orchard where many thousands have already gone. While waiting their turn to die, most of them have never more than five or 10 cents at a time. These veterans have children or loved ones somewhere whom they do not see in years, and in many cases never will.

To pass away the time, the daily discussion is the coming World War.

New CIO Council

INDIANAPOLIS—The CIO Industrial Union Council began work here with 65 Marion County local unions affiliated.

RICHMOND'S UNITED LABOR DAY PARADE WAS HUGE SUCCESS

CIO Members Predominated in History-Making Parade

By a Cannery Worker

RICHMOND, Contra Costa County—Yes, folks, good old conservative, prosaic, straight-laced Richmond was literally inundated, swamped and submerged by the CIO!

It happened here—a united Labor Day parade!

This parade, the largest parade of any kind Richmond has ever had, started before noon in an orderly manner at 23rd St. and Macdonald Ave., and continued its victorious march down Richmond's main drag to 1st street.

Richmond heretofore has been decked with flags, streamers, bunting, etc., in profusion for parades. But not this time—the "city fathers" weren't going to decorate for the CIO. Spectators Enthusiastic

It was a monster parade, and the spirit of good fellowship ruled throughout. The sidewalks on Macdonald Ave. were thronged with enthusiastic spectators who gave us all a big hand. The cops looked on in dismay at the surge of United Labor coursing down our city's thoroughfare, with the CIO strongly in the majority.

In the afternoon, union members and their friends enjoyed a picnic and dance at Alvarado Park near town. Able speakers were on hand who delivered stirring speeches. The Committee for Spanish Relief raised funds at this dance for aiding the Spanish Loyalists in their fight against fascism and for the relief of Spanish children who have been made homeless.

CIO Rubber Workers Union Wins Poll in Los Angeles

STOCKTON AFL HEADS FAILED IN RED BAITING

Carpenters' Union Upheld Marching of Members On Labor Day

By a Carpenter

STOCKTON—The Building Trades Council voted not to participate in the Labor Day parade here, but instead, its members were urged to go to Modesto. This was all done without asking the rank and file, on Monday morning, Labor Day.

Some rank and file carpenters decided to ignore the warning of the top leadership and together with some members of Local 73, Common Laborers' Union, decided to march, and they formed and marched, the last group.

Biggest Applause

They got the biggest applause from workers lining up the sidewalks for ignoring the warning of the top leadership.

At the September 7 meeting of the Building Trades, about 75 members of Carpenters' Local 266 attended. Burley Russell, vice-president of the local, brought in a motion to expel all the brothers who marched in the Labor Day parade "with the CIO Communists."

Showed Solidarity

A lively discussion developed at which one brother said that this action leads to fascism. Some of the brothers who participated made statements that they have no quarrels with the longshoremen or any other group affiliated to the CIO, and it was their moral right to show their solidarity with the other workers, and that they approve and give credit to the brothers who had the courage and defied their misleaders and marched shoulder to shoulder with other workers.

Only three brothers voted to expel those who paraded on Labor Day. The rank and file is waking up in our local, and it will not be long before we will make a clean sweep and get rid of all misleaders of labor.

Southland Terror

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—"Strikers or sympathizers who attempt to picket any place of business where a strike has been called must be promptly arrested," Chief of Police Hollums has ordered. Labor organizations are fighting the decree.

Springs Workers Prepare Demands On Wilshire Oil

By an Oil Worker

SANTA FE SPRINGS, Los Angeles County—Oil workers of the Wilshire Co. held a meeting here August 26, to plan for the conference with the Wilshire management with a new scale of hours and wages. On a motion of J. C. Coulter, secretary of Long Beach Local 128 of the Intl. Oil Workers Union, all former plans were disregarded and a new line of strategy was adopted—i.e., to ask for a reclassification of all jobs that might be considered as being too low.

On a motion to test sentiment in regard to working hours, the meeting voted by a large majority for the 36-hour schedule immediately. A committee of 12 was elected to interview the management.

It is expected the company will offer a slight increase based on continuing the 40-hour schedule, and a slightly larger increase if the workers decide to go on the 36-hour schedule immediately.

Under the original contract, signed early last spring, Wilshire must place all employees on a 36-hour schedule by the first of the year.

Small Farmer Asks Dope on Pro-Rate

By a Small Farmer

SHIVELY, Cal.—I am a small truck gardener and raise tomatoes, and so at the present time they are trying to get us into this pro-rate, and I have been opposed to it, as I think it is not for the benefit to the small man.

If the "Western" has any dope on it or can find any, I would appreciate very much having something good to base arguments on. Or I would like to know if I have the right idea or not.

I extend best wishes for the success of the "Western." I like the work it is doing. I always pass mine along to some one who cannot get it any other way.

(NOTE: Will some of our farmer comrades please send in any information available on the pro-rate system, so it can be forwarded to this farmer? The "Western" has no information on hand at the present time, as to the effect this farmer—(Workers' Correspondence Ed.)

LOW PAY ON FARM NEAR CHOWCHILLA

Paid Thug, Stoolpigeon Attack Workers for Citing Conditions

By an Agricultural Worker

CHOWCHILLA, Cal.—I walked out in Marvin Baker's cotton field to talk to a man irrigating. I asked him how about joining the United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing & Allied Workers of America. He said: "I don't like unions." I asked him to give his reasons. He said: "Because you can't organize the farmers."

Boss's Stodge

He said he was getting all he was worth, \$125 a month. He said his boss paid all of his men what they earned.

I said it was not true because I worked one day back in 1924 picking cotton for Marvin Baker, and I never did get my money. I expressed my thoughts about Baker, and this man said: "You can't say that about my boss, and struck me. He didn't even give me a chance to take my glasses off."

Workers Get 25c an Hour

After we were both skinned up, he decided I didn't have to take what I said back.

This man is one of Marvin Baker's paid thugs and stool pigeons. He gets \$125 a month, but the other workers were getting 25 cents an hour and less, and if they worked 12 or more hours a day, they only got paid for 10 hours.

The workers worked for \$2 and less a day all summer, but now they get 25 cents an hour, on account of the grape cutting.

For a Daily "Western"

It is no wonder the big bosses don't want the Western Worker and don't want the unions. They know the unions will make them pay decent wages and give the workers better conditions and they also know that a workers' paper will print the truth, and when the workers all learn the truth, then they will all join the union.

We are going to raise our quota in the drive, regardless of the beatings from thugs, to make the Western Worker a daily.

fare of the children and not graft and corrupt politics. How can we have a good educational system when business men are elected to the school board? How?

The slogan of the schools is to make "good citizens" of the children. How can the Mexican children become "good citizens" if they are discriminated against when they seek a job, or try to enter the professions? Why are they given the dirtiest, meanest labor? Why is the relief percentage higher among the Mexicans (and Negroes)?

"But you have to wait for a revolution before you can do anything." Nothing of the kind. There hasn't been a revolution in France or the loyalist section of Spain, and yet they have improved and wiped out such areas. Here are some of the things that can be done now:

1. Elect members of the Parent-Teachers' Assn. to the school board—teachers and parents.

The whole board should be cleared of business control and influence. What does business know about education except to further its own interest?

2. Representatives of progressive trade unions should be elected to these boards. They know that the productive basis of society is the working class, and therefore they would see that the children are taught this fact, which is almost completely ignored or belittled. Therefore, how does this huge expenditure of \$40,000,000 for the year aid the children in the Mexican section? Why have they cut out the most important program in the grammar schools, manual training and agriculture?

Pertinent Questions

Why have they tried to cut salaries of playground directors who are doing one of the most important pieces of work in teaching children cooperation, handicraft, preventing delinquency, accidents, crime? How did they succeed in going out of their jurisdiction to cut salaries on what is left of the WPA recreation project?

Let them explain these things away, then we'll try and believe they are interested in the welfare of the children and not graft and corrupt politics. How can we have a good educational system when business men are elected to the school board? How?

Worker Urges Plan To Consolidate Victories

By a RUBBER WORKER

LOS ANGELES—Rubber has taken a major step forward in Los Angeles with the Labor Board elections going in favor of the Committee for Industrial Organizations at both Goodrich and Goodyear by a large majority.

At Goodrich, on Wednesday, September 8, Local 43 of the United Rubber Workers of America swept into sole bargaining power by a majority of almost three to one. Of the 704 eligible voters, 550 voted—406 went CIO, 144 went "Independent," five blank, and seven challenged by the "Independent Union."

Won at Goodyear

This should pave the way to harmonious relations between the management and the union," says President J. Martin, of the URW Local 43.

At Goodyear, on Friday, September 10, Local 131 of the United Rubber Workers won the election by a majority of 155 votes. Of a total of 1642 eligible to vote, 1457 asserted their rights. Of these, 801 voted URW, 656 voted "Independent" and about 10 or 15 were challenged.

This majority does not represent the total victory won, for a vicious campaign was carried on by the top clique of the "Independent" outfit, using every type of slander they could possibly dig up and shape to their purpose. Strikes, shut-downs, lay-offs, outside interference, reds, fear, FEAR were thrown at the workers in a constant barrage of yellow leaflets.

Hearst's Filth

All the filth of Hearst's sheets was dug up and dumped upon the workers at Goodyear in an appeal to their intelligence. And if the activities of this outfit left any doubt as to their connections, their name doesn't—"Goodyear Employees' Assn., Inc."

The situation at Goodrich is much more favorable than that at Goodyear, for the reactionary vote only equals 20% of the total workers. But at Goodyear, where a fairly serious split exists, more watchfulness will have to be exerted.

Need Watchfulness

With their value as a bargaining agency nullified, the "Employees Assn., Inc." may do one of two things: Go over into Local 131 to act as disrupters and attempt to take over control of the union, or set up as a social or political club of some sort, with the idea of being a weapon handy for the bosses in case of a lay-off, strike or some serious trouble. To guard against this the local should take the following steps:

Build the Union

Cary on a vigorous campaign for members to build up the actual strength of the union, but be careful allowing "certain" elements into the union for a time at least.

Start a drive for education, both through leaflets and through classes organized to train a large number of the advance unionists, so that as more developed unionists, the workers will be prepared to fight lies, slander and disruption wherever it crops up.

Put forward certain demands to the company to show the workers it is sincerely representing them. These demands can be for a more rigid observance of seniority rights for better shower rooms, for a six-hour day with pay-increases, etc.

Only Firestone Left

With Goodrich and Goodyear falling into line with U. S. Rubber already 100% CIO, with E. M. Smith Rubber Co. also 100% CIO, only Firestone is left to be won over to the URW, and this task should not be difficult.

So Los Angeles, the haven of the open shopper, sees one more of its bulwarks crumbling, and our cry means more than ever today:

"Make Los Angeles a 100% Union Town!"

S. F. Cops Ignore Obscene Theater

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO—The Kearny Theater, at Kearny and Washington Sts., is an insult to the American public. I'm not for or against nudism, but what goes on in this theatre is unprintable. You can imagine yourself when they put on such acts as "House of Prostitution." This theatre, which is on the doorsteps of the Hall of Justice, and on the doorsteps of the Police Dept., so to speak, was raided once and closed, but soon reopened with two big hard-boiled bouncers.

A Special Page of Trade Union News, Developments and Features

Longshoremen expose plotting of ex-ILA heads and Marine Firemen's officials with Dave "Goon Squad" Beck--Hollywood Studio Workers protest jurisdictional claim of IATSE--Field and Cannery Workers urged to contact CIO union locals, listed below in directory--Other labor news on regular news pages.

Alaska Cannery Workers Union Brands Vandeleur Liar

SPIKES CHARGE OF AFL OFFICER AS FALSEHOOD

Union Accuses Vandeleur And His Agents of Racketeering

SAN FRANCISCO — While President George Woolf was in process of filing a suit against Edward D. Vandeleur, State Federation of Labor secretary, for libel and slander, the Alaska Cannery Workers Union publicly committee issued a statement branding charges of Vandeleur that he revoked the union's charter because money was collected under false pretenses, as lies.

Pointing out the Vandeleur charges are as baseless and so immaterial that the Central Labor Council refused to recognize them, the ACWU statement points out the following facts:

Lie Given Vandeleur

"1. He claims per capita has only been paid for eight members—the truth is that the per capita has been paid for 1,694 members up till May 21, 1937 further per capita is being withheld until counting of CIO affiliation votes now going on.

"2. That a charge of \$25 was levied for initiation fees—as a matter of fact nothing has been charged to date for initiation from those members who joined last year—a \$15 initiation fee is being charged those who apply for membership this year.

"3. That men paid dues into the union thinking they were going to Alaska and did not go—at no time was anyone asked to pay anything to the union if they did not go to Alaska.

"4. He talks about unauthorized initiation fees and assessments—a search of the minutes of our union meetings will prove that at no time was there any fee levied or donation made to any cause without the consent of the membership.

"5. Vandeleur charges racketeering against our President, Geo. Woolf, when a further search of our financial records will prove that it was Vandeleur's agents who were racketeering when our union was first organized as for instance—Fred West, who is seconding Vandeleur's charges, took \$500 for a period of less than one month for "organizing services." Duhanagan and Feliciano, other Vandeleur agents, took respectively \$600 and \$700 for a couple of months of "organizing services." The latter two were expelled from our union by a unanimous vote of the membership.

Back Woolf 100%

"These are just a few facts as to the true conditions of our union. Our members are backing Woolf 100 per cent in his suit for slander against Vandeleur—it is time that men of Vandeleur, West and Co. stripes are driven out of the ranks of labor and exposed as bosses agents."

The ACWU announced its financial statement for the first half of 1937 is ready, and any one wishing to examine the report can do so at the union office, 32 Clay Street.

Solidarity Donation

The union CIO poll, in which 740 out of 1800 have voted, will continue until next month, when 300 workers are due back from Karluk and Chigruk canneries in Alaska.

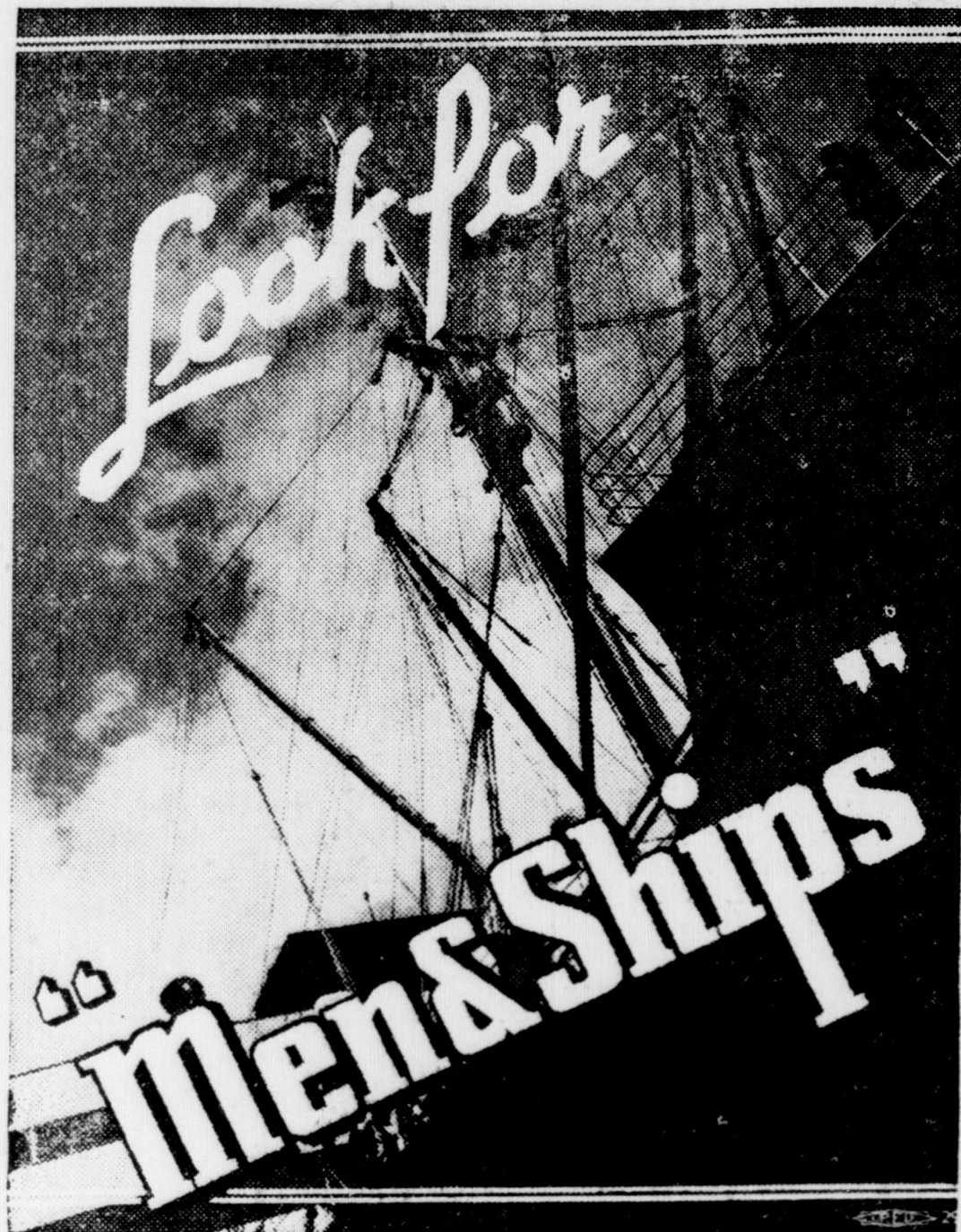
Modesto Boys, \$225.25; Money Defense, \$540; King-Ramsey-Cannon Defense, \$295.25; International Labor Defense, \$100; WPA Strike, \$100; Agricultural Strike, \$50; Lincoln Brigade in Spain, \$50; Agricultural Conference, \$50; Simon-Duyangon Memorial Fund, \$849.37; Pictorial "Men & Ships," \$1000.

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Anti-Labor Act in Colorado Is Killed

DENVER — Colorado's much-hated 1915 industrial commission act, providing for compulsory arbitration of labor disputes, is out, District Judge Otto Beck has ruled.

The decision came in connection with the judge's refusal to grant an injunction ordering union labor on a subway project to halt a strike. He held that the 1933 legislative act forbidding courts from issuing sweeping injunctions against labor overruled the older law. Under the act, a court must issue a writ "in favor of the party who has the right to arbitrate the dispute."



A PICTORIAL EPIC of labor organizations is "Men and Ships," issued by the Maritime Federation of the Pacific, District Council No. 2, San Francisco, showing in actual photographs the conditions aboard ships and on the docks on the Pacific Coast, the triumphs and successes won by the maritime unions since the historic 1934 strike. Fifty cents sent to District Council No. 2, 112 Market St., San Francisco, will bring you a copy.

Foc'sle and Dock

By BILL SMITH

SOMETHING happened down in Montevideo, Uruguay, the other day that should serve as a very pertinent object lesson to all maritime workers.

The members of the Uruguayan Maritime Federation were on strike. Scab longshoremen were working on the docks.

The American Republic Line vessel, the S. S. Algic, came in to port and when the crew learned about the strike the scab gang refused to furnish steam for the scabs.

Now this is damned good union tactics. The more unity there is between seamen, nationally and internationally, the sooner will the seamen of the world come into their own. But Chairman Joseph P. Kennedy of the U. S. Maritime Commission ordered the leaders of the crew thrown in irons and demanded that the captain hire a new crew. Now Chairman Kennedy is supposed to be a "friend of labor and the New Deal."

The moral is plain. If the waterfront had been allowed to determine who should serve on this Maritime Commission, do you think for a moment the S. S. Algic crew would have been ordered put in irons for supporting their striking brothers?

But Kennedy's appointment was political. We had nothing to say about it. The shipowners, with their expensive Washington lobby and their Senator Royal S. Copeland, did have something to say about it.

Unless we get busy and take our rightful place on the political scene, there will be a flood of Kennedys and the shipowners' expensive lobby will force the government into further attacks upon waterfront unions.

On Furuseth

OLD Andy Furuseth is ill and broke in the East, according to a news dispatch. Andy founded the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, and did a good job of it, according to his lights. Andy knew more, probably, about maritime law than any other single individual in this country.

But there was the trouble. Andy couldn't see beyond the so-called "legalities" of a situation. He fought incessantly against the rising militancy of the seamen. He always wanted to hold them back. He never could realize that the sailors were tired of holding back. He tried to stampede them back to the ships in the great 1934 strike out here. And he committed trade union suicide when he did so.

Because the seamen laughed at him. They laughed at his tears and his impotent appeals for "sanity." They laughed at his antics before their membership meetings. Old Andy probably was sincere, too. He lived a frugal life and didn't out aside any money for the day when he would be forced to wind up his days in Snug Harbor.

Before he passed out of the maritime picture, Andy found himself with the phoney—with Scharrenberg and Carlson and Bill Green, and yes, even with Joe Ryan. He couldn't help it because his policies stifled the seamen, held them back. Scharrenberg, Carlson and the rest of the ISU fakers consciously sabotaged the fundamental desires of the rank and file.

There is a lesson in all this for some of the seamen's present "leadership." The rank and file will be heard. Nothing can keep the rank and file down for very long. You can't fool all of the rank and file all of the time. And it usually turns out that those who attempt to find themselves some day find themselves on the ash heap. Like some of those old ships in the Alameda boneyard, they just naturally fall by the wayside.

America is moving forward and the seamen are right up in front. We betide anyone who attempts to halt that progress.

San Jose Theater Owner

SAN JOSE — Another open-shop attack on organized labor occurred here last week when Milton Samis, owner of the Hester Theater, sought a permanent restraining order forbidding Motion Picture Operators' Union Local 431 from picketing, and asking \$20,000 "damages."

ILA EXPOSES PLOTS WITH TEAMO CZARS

Ex-Longshore Heads and Firemen Officials Helping Beck

(Int'l. Longshoremen's Assn. Press Release)

The West Coast Highway Drivers' Council, with Dave Beck in the driver's seat, met Friday, September 10, in the Clift Hotel in San Francisco, which was the Beck headquarters.

The Teamsters' Conference was attended by over 50 delegates from up and down the Coast. The Pacific Coast ILA District received word the Highway Council had arranged meetings with former District ILA officials, ILA members and other maritime union officials for the express purpose of setting up AFL locals for longshoremen and warehousemen.

Employers' Agents

Believing the individuals who would attend would prove to be as big enemies as Holman and the employers, the District Office got in touch with President Schmidt of 38-79 and requested aid of a couple of men to keep in close contact with this very dangerous and desperate move and to get all information possible.

The District considers it good strategy to uncover those members within our ranks who are meeting with employers' agents, such as Beck, Casey and McLaughlin prove to be.

President Schmidt assigned Brothers Carlton Melin and Charles Waugaman.

Following is their report (in part):

Report Made

7:40 p.m., Paddy Morris and Charles Peabody arrived at Ferry Building, hailed a yellow cab. They check in Clift Hotel at 7:55 p.m.

At 9:45 p.m., Beck, Casey and Conboy (Teamster officials), arrive at hotel in Dodge sedan.

September 10, 8:05 a.m., Bill Lewis and Elmer Bruce (San Pedro) come out of Clift Hotel; 8:50 a.m., Lewis and Bruce re-enter hotel; 9:28 a.m., Jack Crilly arrives with another individual in squad car; many men arrive in groups, recognized many as Teamster officials, other union officials; Joe Casey and McLaughlin, box Teamster officials, going into hotel.

Ferguson and Casey September 10, afternoon, 1:08 p.m., Paddy Morris, Lewis, Peabody and Bruce come out of hotel and are met by Ralph Mallen; 2:01 p.m., Morris, Lewis, Peabody, Bruce and Mallen return.

September 11, Morris, Lewis, Peabody and Bruce in and out of hotel all morning; 1:04 p.m., Dutch Dietrich enters hotel; 1:20 p.m., Ferguson (secretary, Marine Firemen) enters hotel; Nance O'Neil (Marine Firemen) enters; 1:25 p.m., five Teamster officials arrive.

At 3:15 p.m., Joe Casey, Ferguson, Nance O'Neil and Malone cross Geary and go up Taylor St. Casey and Ferguson chat for a few moments on the corner, turn around and return to hotel. A legal looking person with brief case joins Casey and Ferguson.

Ferguson Nervous At 3:35 p.m., McLaughlin and Joe Devery, Teamster officials, leave hotel.

At 4:12 p.m., Ferguson and legal-looking guy with brief case come out of hotel. Guy with brief case enters Yellow Cab. Ferguson is joined by Casey. Casey links his arm with Ferguson, Casey talks like a dutch uncle to Ferguson. Ferguson appears nervous, buttons and unbuttons his vest, straightens his tie. Soon Casey and Ferguson arm in arm walk down Taylor St.

At 4:40 p.m., Jack Crilly and another Teamster official hold conversation with carload of poons, parked across from Clift. The Teamster official goes back into hotel and Crilly and his poons drive away; 6:15 p.m., Dutch Dietrich leaves Clift, appeared nervous, kept glancing over his shoulder for a least two blocks after he left hotel.

September 12, 10:48 a.m., Bruce, Morris and Keuin (Maritime Federation secretary) enter hotel.

This concludes the report up until Monday morning, September 13, 9:05 a.m. Brothers Melin and Waugaman are still on the job and further details will no doubt be forthcoming.

Perhaps from this report maritime workers can get a clear picture on the developments of the past few weeks. Perhaps maritime workers can understand why certain individuals and maritime union officials have been acting like they have.

The report is in. Read it. Form your own conclusions.

Business Agent Bob Says

I SAW something in the paper the other day about another one of these rich dames and her string of ex-husbands, which reminded me of the following reported conversation: Mrs. Richswitch: "Oh, your husband has a new suit." Mrs. Moneybags: "No, he hasn't." Mrs. Richswitch: "Well, something's different." Mrs. Moneybags: "It's a new husband!"

Hollywood Workers Hit IATSE Demand For Jurisdiction

Point Out Union Hasn't Called Meeting of Members in Two Years

HOLLYWOOD—Union officials and the rank and file of studio labor alike condemned the declaration last Saturday by the AFL Intl. Alliance of Theater & Stage Employees that it demanded sole jurisdiction over all workers in the production of motion pictures.

The IATSE regarded as a totally undemocratic and bureaucratic set-up. Although the union was set up here two years ago, it has yet to call a single membership meeting. Earlier this year Intl. President George Browne dictated a two per cent assessment on all members.

Workers Given No Choice

"We expect the producers to give us an answer by Monday to this problem," announced Wm. Bioff, IATSE representative.

"They haven't much choice in the matter, as we simply served notice upon them that in the future the IATSE would represent every branch of motion picture labor, from porters to actors, engaged in the making of motion pictures."

"We found that the various unions of employees, acting independently, failed to gain recognition as units and so we are to represent all of them in the future."

The IATSE claims 15,000 members here and 10,000 more in other parts of the country. Studio workers pointed out that this would not constitute a true industrial union, but would be a nearly approximate a company union. There is a strong sentiment for the Committee for Industrial Organization among the studio workers.

CANNERY AND FIELD WORKERS URGED TO CONTACT THESE CIO UNION LOCALS

Listing its chartered locals in District 2 (California, Arizona, Hawaii), the CIO United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing & Allied Workers of America urges workers to contact the locals in their respective localities, as follows:

LOCAL 3—Dairy Workers Union, 406 South Main St., Los Angeles.

LOCAL 5—Alaska Cannery Workers Union, 32 Clay St., San Francisco.

LOCAL 11—Cannery Workers Union, 72 North 2nd St., San Jose.

LOCAL 12—Agricultural Workers Union, Marysville.

LOCAL 14—Cannery & Preserve Workers Union, 320 Market St., San Francisco.

LOCAL 15—Cannery Workers Union, 936 Broadway, Oakland.

LOCAL 18—Cannery & Agricultural Union, Box 1427, Salinas.

LOCAL 20—Cannery & Agricultural Union, 42 North Center St., Stockton.

LOCAL 22—Cannery & Agricultural Union, 531 East Meta St., Ventura.

LOCAL 23—Cannery & Agricultural Union (Camarillo) 531 East Meta St., Ventura.

LOCAL 24—Cannery & Agricultural Union, Rt. 1, Box 26, Chowchilla.

LOCAL 26—Cannery & Agricultural Union, 11th St. Store, Yuma, Ariz.

LOCAL 29—Cannery & Agricultural Union, 204 East 4th St., Santa Ana.

LOCAL 30—Cannery & Agricultural Union (Yuma County), Box 375, San Jose.

LOCAL 32—Cannery & Agricultural Union, Box 525, Watsonville.

LOCAL 33—Cannery & Agricultural Union, 622 Eye St., Sacramento.

LOCAL 36—Cannery & Agricultural Union, Box 431, Mountain View.

LOCAL 42—Cannery & Agricultural Union (Bakersfield), Box 741, Delano.

LOCAL 44—Cannery & Agricultural Union, 909 Webster St., Redlands.

LOCALS 49—Cannery & Agricultural Union, P. O. Box 698, Hynes.

LOCAL 58—Cannery & Agricultural Union (Modesto), Box 226, Riverbank.

LOCAL 64—United Fish Cannery Workers, Rt. 1, Box 526, National City.

LOCAL 68—Cannery & Agricultural Union, 639 20th St., Richmond.

LOCAL 69—Cannery & Agricultural Union, Box 848, Santa Maria.

LOCAL 71—Field Workers Union, 300 West Ocean St., Lompoc.

LOCAL 72—Field Workers Union, Box 932, Pismo Beach.

LOCAL 76—Cannery & Agricultural Union (Hawaii), Box 76, Honolulu, T. H.

LOCAL 78—Wrap Packers & Shed Helpers of California, L. D. McMillan, General Delivery, Santa Maria.

LOCAL 79—Cannery & Agricultural Union, 1921 Indio St., San Diego.

U. S. TO SUE LOS ANGELES POTASH PLANT

Company Disregarded Labor Board Ruling Favoring Workers

(Los Angeles Western Worker Bureau)

LOS ANGELES—Choosing to ignore National Labor Relations Board order for reinstatement of 19 men fired for union activity, American Potash and Chemical Company, reputedly dominated by foreign capital, now faces a suit in the United States Circuit Court, according to a statement issued by Los Angeles Director Dr. Towne Nylander here.

What prompted Nylander to take this action is the "run-around" AP&C has given the board's ruling.

Ignored NLRB Order Over a month has elapsed since the Labor Board issued an order requiring the company to disband the Allied Chemical Workers' Association, obviously a company union, and to offer reinstatement to the discharged employees with back pay. The company has not complied.

Commenting on the board's action against the AP&C, Attorney Allan Frankel, counsel for the discharged unionists, believes the company courted drastic action against it.

"Potash company will find that it cannot play around with federal government rulings," he said.

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Point of Order A Trade Union Column

By JOHN BROMAN

HOUDINI used to perform many "miracles" with the aid of mirrors, developing illusions in the minds of his audiences.

His art of distortion of the truth has a lot of bad students in the American Federation of Labor "leadership," whom approach the technique of the old master. But perhaps Houdini had a lot more to work with. After all, it's a lot easier to pull this "hand-is-quicker-than-the-eye" stuff on an audience that is only too willing to be fooled, than it is to distort the facts about the Committee for Industrial Organization for an audience of millions of workers who know the performers as bad actors.

THE AFL officials on the Pacific Coast are trying to put over an illusion that it is a lot tougher than any trick Houdini ever attempted. They are trying to prove that the CIO is undemocratic. (And by "they," I mean those democratic gentlemen—Dave Beck, J. P. McLaughlin, Edward D. Vandeleur, Roland Watson & Co.)

"Harry Bridges was appointed Pacific Coast Director of the CIO," they say. "He wasn't elected. That's your rank and file."

And then they pick up another little fact about some CIO union, like the Longshoremen, twist it around until it looks like a pretzel, and sneer: "That's rank-and-file."

Rank-and-file, democratically controlled unions get these gentry down. They have a hard time explaining why these unions have voted CIO and why virtually all democratically-run unions are at least sympathetic to the CIO and want a united labor movement.

Therefore, with the desperation of a drowning man clutching a straw, they are trying to prove that these unions and the CIO are not after all, democratic.

THIS line of attack against the CIO must appear doubly ironic to those workers who used to belong to the Teamsters 85, McLaughlin's own local, but who no longer belong, because they happened to say what they thought in a union meeting. Many of these workers were dumped by the "goons," and many more had withdrawal cards sent them through the mail—kicked out of the union without charges being preferred and without a trial.

It's equally ironic to those who have seen Dave Beck's "goons" run amuck up in the Northwest, beating up men and women alike with "democratic" impartiality.

But just as we have seen the Liberty League attack President Roosevelt's Supreme Court reform plan in the name of "democracy" and defense against "dictatorship," so do we see McLaughlin and Beck defend the rank-and-file from the undemocratic CIO.

WHEN McLaughlin attacks the appointment of Bridges, he apparently doesn't realize that the CIO members know democracy when they see it. They know that the CIO is now in process of being built and that it would be virtually impossible organizationally for Bridges to have been elected to the post he holds.

It is further obvious that had Bridges been elected by the membership at the time he was appointed, he would not now be representative of the membership, which has grown at a terrific rate. For example, the Los Angeles CIO started at zero last January 1, now has about 55,000 members, and is recruiting thousands more every week and month. Yet national, coastwide, and state CIO apparatus is set up, you will see democratic elections.

Another thing, the CIO officials on the West Coast and nationally do not act like Wm. Green and the AFL Executive Council. The CIO doesn't jerk union charters because the unions refuse to go through picket lines, or because the unions go out on strike for decent wages, or because the unions refuse to accept phony contracts. But the AFL has done these things and more.

CIO unions don't walk out on strike against another union because a McLaughlin or a Beck tells them to, as the Teamsters couldn't prove that the CIO is undemocratic.

SALINAS LABOR BODY ACCUSES ED VANDELEUR

Says Federation Secretary Chartered Union of Strikebreakers

LONG BEACH — Introduced by the Salinas Central Labor Council, a resolution in the State Federation of Labor convention meeting here, charge State Secretary Edward D. Vandeleur with violating the various articles of the American Federation of Labor constitution when he revoked charter No. 18211 of the Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union and granted an AFL charter to an "independent" employee association in the Salinas Valley.

The council's resolution charged Vandeleur violated Section 17, Article 13, of the Constitution of the AFL by turning property of Local 18211 over to A. S. Doss, state secretary-treasurer of that union.

The resolution further states that Vandeleur "has violated all labor traditions, constitution of the AFL and federal laws, by chartering under the AFL banner a duly constituted union (the "independent" outfit), controlled by strikebreakers, gunmen and agents of strikebreaking detective agencies."

AFL Heads Using "Red Scare" In Anti-CIO Drive

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Red baiting will be used for decoration at the American Federation of Labor convention starting in Denver, Colo., October 4.

The AFL executive council is developing its fight against the CIO on the basis of a "crusade against Communism," and as distributives to its organizers, is distributing a pamphlet entitled: "Gleanings, Americanism vs. Communism, or the American Federation of Labor vs. the Committee for Industrial Organization."

The pamphlet is a collection of clippings from the Southern Labor Federationist of Jackson, Miss., containing the vicious red baiting, anti-union propaganda of the Southern lynchers. There is a marked similarity in this pamphlet to the vigilante material that has recently been widely distributed against the CIO in the steel and automobile areas.

The AFL also plans wide distribution of an issue of Hearst's Washington Herald, which will direct all the venom of its notorious owner against the CIO, through AFL organizations throughout the country.

Union Accuses Telegraph Co.

NEW YORK—The American Communications Assn., formerly known as the American Radio Telegraphists Assn., has filed charges of unfair labor practices against the Western Union Telegraph Co., with the National Labor Relations Board.

The ACA, a CIO union, charged one of its members was discharged for union activity and further charged Western Union with maintaining a company union in violation of the Wagner Act.

Gunmen Carrying Teamster Cards, Do Scab-Herding

COWELL Contra Costa County — Armed gunmen carrying Teamster cards, escorted trucks through the picket line at the Cowell Cement Co. here Wednesday after the same trucks had been twice turned back by CIO pickets, who have kept the plant closed for more than 50 days of strike.

The trucks entered to ship materials out of the plant. Fifteen scabs inside, holding cards in a scab "union" under charter issued by Edward D. Vandeleur, are being protected by 23 armed deputy sheriffs. Only one or two of these worked in the plant before it went on strike.

cisco waterfront against the longshoremen and warehousemen. Members of CIO unions decide what they want to do by democratic balloting.

In short, Houdini himself — strike against another union because a McLaughlin or a Beck tells them to, as the Teamsters couldn't prove that the CIO is undemocratic.